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YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
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At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at East Greenwich the 10th of the 4th Mo. 1783 ——

The Representatives present for Rhode Island are Mary Mitchell 1st Mary Mitchell 2nd Rebecca Almy — Dartmouth Judith Ruſsell, Marcy Slocum & Elizabeth Wood — Greenwich Mary Slocum & Suſanna Aldrich — Smithfield Mary Greene, Mary Brown & Abigail Arnold Junr — Swanzey Hannah Chase, Patience Brayton — South Kingston Hannah Knowles, Hannah Hoxie, Mary Willbour, - Acoaxet Mehitable Chase ——

Accounts with Answers to the Queries came up from each Monthly Meeting and some have attended to the advice of the two last Quarters respecting those that were deficient in attending Meetings and making their Wills, and a concern seems to be taking place in the minds of Friends for the promotion thereof, and that a right ſpirit of Discipline may prevail in our Society ——

Sarah Rothbourn, Mary Mitchell 2nd Rebecca Almy & Abigail Arnold Junr are appointed to prepare Epistles for the ſeveral Monthly Meetings & bring to the Adjournment ——

Mary Mitchell 1st Abigail Lawton, Jemima Fish, Mary Brown & Sarah Robinſon are appointed to collect general Anſwers & prepare an Account to the Yearly Meeting & bring to the Adjournment ——

Our Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting for Rhode Island are Mary Mitchell 2nd Ruth Shearman, Dartmouth Judith Ruſsell, Marcy Slocum — Greenwich Suſanna Aldrich; Desire Langford, — Smithfield Mary Greene & Mary Brown & Abigail Arnold Junr — Swanzey Hannah Chase & Abigail Lawton — South Kingston Mary Wilbour, Sarah Rothbon — Acoaxet Mehitable Chase, Mehitable Baker. —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12th Hour to Morrow —

Sixth day th 11th Met by Adjournment.

The Representatives were called & answered to their Names —

General Answers were brought with an Account to the Yearly Meeting, which were read & ſigned by the Clerk —

Read a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held at Swanzey the 7th of the 4th Mo on behalf of our Friend Patience Brayton, who hath manifested a concern to go on a religious Visit to Friends of great Britain, and in consequence thereof we Appoint Desire Langford, Mary Mitchell 2nd Elizabeth Sprague, Abigail Harriſs, Mary Willbour Mehitable Chase, Sarah Rathborn, Judith Ruſsell, Mary Brown the Elder & Mary Anthony to unite with a Committee of men Friends and they to take the matter weightily under consideration and report their ſense to the Adjournment of this Meeting to Morrow —

The Committee presented the Epistles for the Monthly Meetings, which were approved & ſigned by the Clerk —

Mary Mitchell 1st informed this Meeting ſhe hath acquainted the Select Meeting of our friend Elizabeth Mott's public Testimony being approved of at the last Quarter —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 10th hour to Morrow —

Seventh day the 12th Met by Adjournment. The Representatives were called and answered to their Names except two, one of these being unwell —

The Committee appointed to consider the matter respecting our Friend Patience Brayton's concern, Report, They have had a ſolid opportunity on the Subject of their appointment, and it is their present ſense it may be ſafe to rest the matter to the next Quarter under the care of a ſolid Committee; therefore this Meeting continues it under the care of the ſame Committee, hoping they may endeavour to dwell under the weight thereof, and be favourd to discover the pointings of truth therein —

This Meeting concludes

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Smithfield lower Meeting House the 10th. of the 7th. Mo. 1783 ——

The Representatives present, are for Rhode Island Elizabeth Mott, Mary Lawton, & Dorcas Earl — Dartmouth Elizabeth Kerby & Phebe Smith — Greenwich Freelove Harriſs, Suſanna Aldrich & Lucina Howland — Smithfield Abigail Harriſs, Elizabeth Arnold & Abigail Arnold — Swanzey Patience Brayton, Elizabeth Chase and Sarah Briggs — Acoaxet Peace Deval & Anne Wood — South Kingston Hannah Knowles & Katharine Hoxsie ——

Elizabeth Gifford and Audry Greene ſent their reasons for being Abſent from this Meeting which were ſatisfactory ——

Received Accounts with Answers to the Queries from each Monthly Meeting, wherein there appears ſtill many deficiencies, yet we believe that a living concern rests upon the minds of a remnant to build up the waste places & restore things into true Gospel order in the Church —

Three Epistles read, One from the Yearly Meeting held at Newport for Rhode Island the 6th. Mo. 1783 — One from the Yearly Meeting of Women held at Philadelphia the 9th. Mo. 1783 — One from the Yearly Meeting of Women held at Flushing 5th. Mo. Containing ſeasonable advices, which may each of us attend to ——

Elizabeth Mott, Mary Lawton, Ann Thornton & Dorcas Earl are appointed to draft an Epistle for the ſeveral Monthly Meetings & bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting, Elizabeth Lawton & Alice Almy are added to ſaid Committee —

Acoaxet Monthly Meeting recommended Peace Devaul to the Station of an Elder, which came under consideration of both men & womens Meeting and received their approbation — Elizabeth Mott is desired to acquaint the ſelect Meeting thereof & report to the Adjournment to Morrow —

This Meeting adjourns to the 12th Hour to Morrow —

Sixth day, met by Adjournment —

The Representatives were called & answered to their Names, except one who was unwell. —

The Committee presented the Epistles, which were read, approved and ſign'd by the Clerk directed to the ſeveral Monthly Meetings, with Tranſcripts of the Philadelphia & Westbury Epistles —

Elizabeth Mott informed, ſhe acquainted the ſelect Meeting of Peace Deval's being appointed to the Station of an Elder, which was approved and Added to the Epistle —

Two Epistles from Philadelphia & Flushing Yearly Meeting of Men read to ſatiſfaction, with one from the Yearly Meeting at London —

The Committee appointed to consider of our friend Patience Brayton's concern & Certificate, Report as follows —

We your Committee to consider of the Concern and Certificate of Patience Brayton as laid before the last Quarterly Meeting, have met and had the matter under weighty & ſerious Conſideration, & think the Meeting may proceed to grant her a Certificate; which report being read & weightily considered in this Meeting, we accept thereof, & appoint Elizabeth Mott, Hannah Reed, Mary Brown, Mary Mitchell with a Committee of men Friends to prepare a Certificate, which was brought, approvd & Signd by the Clerk

This Meeting concludes & Adjourns to the 10th Mo. Next to be held at Dartmouth

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Dartmouth the 9th of the 10th Mo. 1783

The Repreſentatives present for Rhode Island, Jemima Fish, Catharine Almy — Dartmouth, Deborah Gifford, Phebe Smith — Greenwich Deſire Langford — Smithfield Deborah Mowry, Mary Brown — Swanſey Phebe Robinſon, Sarah Purington & Patience Anthony — South Kingston Sarah Congdon Hannah Hoxsie — Acoaxet Peace Deval Anne Eddy Suſanna Macomber — Uxbridge Margery Baſsett, Sarah Arnold

Recd.

Received Accounts from each Monthly Meeting with Answers to the Queries, in which there appears many deficiencies and departures from the simplicity of truth, but notwithstanding we believe there are a Remnant in each Meeting engaged to revive a true Spirit of Discipline

Deſire Langford Philadelphia Howland, Mary Mitchell 1st & Rebecca Almy appointed to prepare Epistles for the several Monthly Meetings and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting to Morrow

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting informed that they had appointed Mercy Slocum & Caleb Green to the place of Elders, which came under consideration of the Mens & Womens Meetings & met their Approbation Elizabeth Mott, is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof and Report to the Meeting to Morrow.

Our Friend Mary Mitchell having for ſome time had a concern to visit Friends at the nine Partners Monthly Meeting & ſome adjacent and having laid her Concern before the Monthly Meeting to which ſhe belonged & obtained their Certificate and full Unity, which was Read and her concern laid before this Meeting in which we feelingly Unite in her Concern and religious visit, accordingly gave her a Certificate which was ſign'd by the Clerk of both Mens & Womens Meeting

This Meeting concludes & Adjourns to the 11th Hour to Morrow

Sixth day Met by Adjournment —

The Representatives were called and Answered to their Names, except one who ſent no reason for her abſence —

Elizabeth Mott according to appointment informed the Select Meeting of Marcy Slocums being appointed to the Station of an Elder, which was approved and Added to the Epistle —

The Committee presented the Epistles for the several Monthly Meetings, which were read, approved & Signt by the Clerk —

This Meeting being ſensible of the Neceſsity of an enlargement of room to accommodate Women Friends and the disadvantage which attends our Meetings by being ſo crowded for want of ſufficient ſeats to ſit down, the matter considered and laid before the mens Meeting now ſitting in manner following.

Under a Consideration of the present ſituation of our Womens Meeting being ſo crowded at these ſittings we feel an engagement of mind to lay our concern for the promotion of our Society and the accommodations of our Seats before your Meeting with desires it may be taken under your ſerious Consideration, whether an enlargemt of room might not be neceſsary before another Seaſon for these Meetings —

Which was ſo far approved as to

be Minuted on the Mens minutes & likewise sent down in their Epistles to the several Monthly Meetings for further Consideration ——

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Swanzey for Rhode Island the 8th of the 1st M. 1774 ——

Representatives present for Rhode Island — Rebecca King, Jemima Fish — Dartmouth — Martha Hart, Joanna Gifford, Deborah Smith, Sarah Howland, Abigail Hart — Greenwich none nor any reasons received apprehended from the difficulty of passing — Swanzey Hannah Chase, Deborah Slade, Martha Chase — Smithfield [illegible] — Sarah Rathbun, Hannah [illegible] — [illegible] Mary Russell — Acoaxet Mary Tripp, [illegible] — Providence Mary Green, Mary Lapham, Mary Brown.

Deborah [illegible] is [illegible] reason for her being absent from this Meeting.

We received Accounts with Answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings & there still appears diverse deficiencies in many Answers, yet we hope there are in most Meetings a remnant engaged to keep up Discipline in all its branches and we are desirous that number may encrease ——

Sarah Rathbun, Mary Lapham, Rebecca King, Jemima Fish, Sarah Howland, Joanna Gifford are appointed to Write to the several Monthly Meetings and bring to the adjournment to Morrow

Ruth Arnold & Elizabeth Spencer sent satisfactory excuses for their being absent from this Meeting

This Meeting being informed that the Book of Records belonging to this Meeting was Wrote through Mary Brown is desired to procure one and inform the next Quarter thereof

Providence Monthly Meeting informed they had appointed Lydia Wilkinson & Mercy Brown to the Station of Elders, which came under the consideration of both Mens & Womens Meeting and received their approbation — Sarah Rathbun is desired to acquaint the Select Meeting thereof and Report to this Meeting to Morrow

A Printed general Epistle read containing profitable advice from the yearly Meeting held in London the 6th Mo. 1783.

This Meeting adjourns to the 12th hour to Morrow

Sixth day the 9th Met by Adjournment

The Representatives answered to their Names

The Committee appointed to prepare Epistles presented the same which were read approved & signed by the Clerk directed to each Monthly Meeting.

Sarah Rathbun reported that she acquainted

the

Select Quarterly Meeting of Lydia Dillinghams appointment to the Station of an Elder

The Clerk is continued the ensuing year and it is agreed that in future this Meeting annually appoint or reappoint their Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at East Greenwich the 8th of the 4th Mo. 1784 —

The Representatives present for Rhode Island Elizabeth Mott, Alice Almy, Martha Gould — Greenwich Anna Green, Hannah Casey, Deſire Langford — Smithfield Elizabeth Sprague, Hannah Read, Abigail Pearce, Deborah Mowry — Swanzey Deborah Slade, Hannah Earl — South-Kingston, Mary Wilbour, Sarah Knowles — Acoaxet, Patience Potter, Susanna Macomber, Uxbridge Eunice Aldrich, Margery Baſsett — Providence Amy Harriſs, Mary Arnold, Abigail Arnold —

This Meeting according to an appoint

appointment of last Quarterly Meeting was informed that a Book was procured to Record the minutes of this Meeting in ——

Received Accounts from all the Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries, by which we were informed, that notwithſtanding the ſorrowful deviation in many Answers, there are a number preserved amongſt us that dwell under a lively concern for the promotion of truth and the preservation of good order —— ——

Elizabeth Mott, Alice Almy, Abigail Arnold, Amy Harriſs, Sarah Rodman are appointed to write Epistles for the ſeveral Monthly Meetings and bring to the Adjournment to Morrow

Mary Mitchell, Deſire Langford, Mary Brown, Sarah Robinson are appointed to collect general Answers and prepare an Account to the Yearly Meeting ——

Friends appointed to attend the above ſaid Meeting are for Rhode Iſland Mary Mitchell and Elizabeth Mott — Dartmouth Judith Ruſsell — Greenwich Deſire Langford, Suſanna Aldrich —

For Smithfield Deborah Mowry, Hannah Reed — Swanzey Hannah Earl — Acoaxet Susanna Macomber, Patience Potter — South Kingston Mary Wilbour, Martha Davis — Uxbridge Margery Bassett — Providence Lydia Tillinghast & Mary Brown —

A Certificate for our Friend Thomas Comstock from the Monthly Meeting held at the Oblong the 15th of the 12th Mo. 1783 read in this Meeting to Satisfaction —

This Meeting adjourns to the 12th hour to Morrow —

Sixth day 9th. Met by Adjournment —

The Representatives all present & answered to their Names — Elizabeth Farnum and Elizabeth Slocum being under appointment to attend this Meeting, sent their excuses for their being absent which was satisfactory likewise Sarah Arnold —

This Meeting recommends to the several Monthly Meetings that they Annually appoint or reappoint their Clerks, Overseers & Visitors, which have not already come into that Practice, and those that have we are desirous may continue therein agreeable to appointment —

The Committee presented their Epistles for the ſeveral Monthly Meetings, which were Read, approved and ſignd by the Clerk ——

The Committee to Collect general Answers and prepare an Account to the Yearly Meeting, presented them, which were read, approved and Sign'd by the Clerk ——

We received information from the Mens Meeting, that they have unity with the Public Testimony of Job Scott — And of Andrew Nichols being appointed to the Station of an Elder, which receives the approbation of this Meeting ——

Rhode Iſland Monthly Meeting informed that our Friend Joseph Mitchell hath a prospect of attending the Yearly Meeting next to be held at Long Iſland, which they approved of; and a Copy of a Minute on his behalf ſigned by the Clerk of the Mens Meeting, was read in this Meeting — Feeling a near ſympathy with his Concern, a concurring Minute of our Unity was ſigned by the Clerk of both Men and Womens Meeting; directed to the ſaid Yearly Meeting ——

Our Friend David Buffum having a Concern to attend the Yearly Meeting next to be held at long Iſland, laid the same before the Monthly Meeting to which he belonged, obtained their Unity & Certificate, which was read in This Meeting with an Endorsement expreſsive of our Unity and concurrence therein, which was ſigned by the Clerk of both Men & Womens Meeting ———

The matter which we were informed of by Swanzey Monthly Meeting respecting our Friend Benjamin Buffington and Stephen Slades, in which Testimony being approved by that Meeting was considered and referred to the next Quarter for further consideration.

This Meeting Concludes ———

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Smithfield the 8th of the 7th Mo 1754 —

The Representatives preſent are —

For Rhode Island Rebecca Almy, Elizabeth Thurston, Jemima Fish — Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker, Patience Austin. Greenwich Susanna Aldrich Desire Langford Mabel Green — Smithfield Margaret Smith, Martha Comstock, Anne Wing Hannah Reed — Swanzey Hannah Chaſe, Suſanna Buffington, Elizabeth Smith — Acoaxet Peace Devol, Mary Tripp, Abigail White — Uxbridge Elizabeth Farnum, Joanna Shove, Hannah Fowler, Ruth Daniels — Providence Audry Greene Abigail Arnold, Abigail Harriſs —

Received Accounts from all the Monthly Meetings except South Kingston and Answers therewith, which appear far short of what our profeſsion calls for, yet we are comforted under a belief that a living care rests upon the minds of a Remnant, for the good Order of Society and promotion of Truth —

We were informed Accounts with Answers to the Queries, at South Kingston was prepared to be ſent to this Meeting but by ſome means miscarried —

A Certificate for our Friend Tiddiman Hull from the Monthly Meeting held at Nine partners 21st 5th Mo. 1784, who having a concern to attend the Yearly Meeting and other in these Parts of his Prospect opened to attend other Meetings also —

One for our Friend Thomas Scattergood from the Monthly Meeting held in Philadelphia for the Northern District the 25th of the 5th Mo 1784 — who having a concern to attend the Yearly Meeting and Prospect of ſome further service in New England —

Also one for our Friend Samuel Hopkins from the Bank Meeting held at Philadelphia 25th of the 5th Mo. 1784, who manifested a Concern to attend the Yearly Meeting and ſome adjacent Meetings in these parts —

One for our Friend David Sands from the Creek Monthly Meeting, held at the Nine partners 1st of the 5th Mo. 1784, which were all read to good ſatisfaction —

Read in this Meeting an acceptable Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women held at Newport 6th Mo. 1784, with the Order of holding the Quarterly Meetings the ensuing Year, being as follows, vizt.

Rhode Island Quarter to be held on the ſame day of the Month as heretofore that is the 5th day before the ſecond ſixth day of the following Months

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At Smithfield upper Meeting House in the 7th Mo
Dartmouth in the 10th Mo
Swanzey in the first Mo
Greenwich in the 4th Mo

Salem Quarterly Meeting at Falmouth, the ſeventh day before the 4th first day in the 9th Mo —

Dover, the ſeventh day before the 1st 1st day in the 12th Mo

Hampton the 7th day before the 1st 1st day in the 3rd Mo —

Salem the first 6th day in the 6th Mo —

## Sandwich Quarter

At Nantucket the 3rd day after the 4th 6th day in the 6th Mo —

Long Plain the 7th day before the ſecond 6th day in the 10th Mo —

Falmouth the 1st 7th day in the first Mo —

Sandwich the 7th day before the last first day in the 3rd Mo —

And as no Meetings for Worſhip are held on the first day of the Quarterly Meeting in Salem Quarter, preceeding their Opening the Buſineſs, We recommend their holding such a Meeting agreeable to the Practice of the other Quarterly Meetings —

Two Epistles read. One from the Yearly Meeting of Women held at Philadelphia 9th Mo. 1783 —

One from the Yearly Meeting of Women held at Westbury from the 29th of the 5th Mo. to the 2nd of the 6th Mo. inclusive, Containing affectionate advices —

Receiv'd and read an Extract from the Yearly Meeting Minutes held in the 6th Mo. 1783, Concerning receiving and disowning Members &c as follows. —

When any Person requests the care of Friends and when any Friend is taken under dealing in any Monthly Meeting, ſuch Meeting whether Mens or Womens acquaint the other thereof in order for their Uniting their ſympathy and help if they think it best; and when the Meeting to whom application is made, or by whom the Friend may be under dealing, are about to receive, restore or disown the Person under care that both Meetings be acquainted therewith and their Concurrence manifested, before the Concluſion be enter'd; and when the Approbation of both Men & Women be Obtained the ſame be Entered on their respective Minutes; And it is desired that Men and Women be attentive and ready in their Monthly and Quarterly Meetings to unite their Aſsistance to each other when it appears useful and best, whether expreſsly desired or not, and that Testimonies of Denial be read & approved in both Meetings before the ſame be Sign'd. —

It is the conclusion of this Meeting, that it may be best to Read all Testimonies of Denial in a Publick Meeting, except Monthly Meetings consider the Perſon or Perſons disowned, to have lived ſuch lives that they have not been deemed Members amongst Friends, by People not of our Society, or unleſs it shall appear to the ſatisfaction of the Monthly Meeting ſuch publications may be injurious to the cause of Truth — And further that acknowledgments from Perſons restored be published at the discretion of Monthly Meetings, they duly observing the Discipline —

Copy. Extracted from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Women held at Newport 6th. Mo. 1783 —
by — Mary Brown Clerk —

Also one respecting advices against using & Trading in Spirituous Liquors, except in Medicine. Which is as follows —

The exceſsive use of Spirituous Liquors of all kinds, having for a long time been ſeen by our Society, to be a practice tending to lead from calmneſs and Innocency, to the many evils which are the consequence of Intemperance; and a concern having arose for the ſpreading of this Testimony not only to the disuse of Distilled ſpirituous Liquors amongst us, except as Medicine, but that others also may by our Example be encouraged to restrain its use within the limits of Truth; We recommend to all Friends every where, carefully to look at the Motives of being concern'd therewith, not only of Using but, Distilling, Importing, Trading in or handing out to others, who from habit may have acquired a thirst & inclination after it tending to their hurt.

And we tenderly advise all ſuch as are concerned therein, to Centre down to the Principle leading to Universal righteousneſs; And as we apprehend a continuance in ſuch practices, will in this day of light, weaken the hands not only of those individuals concerned to further the Reformation, but tend greatly to obstruct Society from holding up a Standard to this important Testimony as becometh our holy profeſſion; We entreat therefore those who have begun well and made advances in the way towards their own Peace, that as ſoon as may be they forbear the ſaid Practices, that a line may in due time be drawn and the Standard raised and ſpread to the Nations.

And as a concern has arose that we be preserved in a grateful ſense of the Lords causing the ſword to be ſheath'd and Peace to be proclaimed amongst the Nations; We desire Friends to re-

remember the Apostles advice, Mind your calling Brethren; And where any may move in a Busineſs or calling different from what they had been brought up in or accustomed to, that they endeavour to find the liberty of the Truth and the Unity of Friends before they engage therein; and we also recommend to those concerned in Trade and Buſineſs of every kind, that they have an Eye to the preservation of our Testimony in every branch, as thereby the Unity of the Body may be preserved and an enlargement of the peace of individuals witneſsed

Rebecca Almy, Sarah Wrathbourn, Elizabeth Thurston, Jemima Fish are appointed to prepare Epistles to the ſeveral Monthly Meetings and bring to the Adjournment to Morrow

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12th Hour to Morrow

Sixth day the 9th Met by Adjournment

The Representatives all present and Answered to their Names

The Committee presented the Epistles which were read, approved and ſign'd by the Clerk and directed to each Monthly Meeting with Transcripts of the Epistles from Philadelphia & Flushing, and also — Copies of the Minutes respecting receiving & disowning Members, of 1783, and the advice against ſpirituous Liquors &c of 1784, agreable to the advice of this and the Yearly Meeting —

The matter we were informed of by Swazey Monthly Meeting respecting the public Testimony of our Friend Benjamin Buſſington referred last Quarter, was again considered & received the approbation of both Mens & Womens Meeting. —

The Matter were inform'd of by Account from Swanzey Monthly Meeting, concerning the public appearance of our Friend Stephen Slaid refered last Quarter was considered and a Committee appointed by the Mens Meeting to Visit him, the ſame being laid before this Meeting and it appears to be the conclusion of the Meeting to leave conduction of the Matter to the Mens Meeting —

Our Friend Daniel Aldrich having a mind to pay a religious Visit to Friends of Oblong and Nine partners Quarterly Meetings and our Friend Job Scott expreſsing a desire to Accompany him in ſaid Visit and laying the ſame before the Monthly Meeting to which they belong, obtained their Unity and Certificate, which was produced & Read. in this Meeting with an Endorsement from this Meeting

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Expreſsive of our Unity therewith, which was ſigned by the Clerk of both Men & Womens Meeting

Greenwich Account to the Mens Meeting informing that they approved of & recommended the public appearance of Daniel Howland Jun.r had considered and refered the ſame under the care of a Committee for that ſervice, which this Meeting was made acquainted with and leave to the Mens Meeting

This Meeting Concludes and Adjourns to Dartmouth in the 10th Month

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Dartmouth the 7th of the 10th Mo. 1784 —

Representatives present are for Rhode Island, Sarah Robinson, Alice Almy, Elizabeth Thurston Dartmouth, Sarah Gifford, Judith Ruſsell, Edith Ruſsell, Joanna Gifford — Greenwich Rebecca Proud, Margaret Spencer — Smithfield Ruth Remington, Sarah Fowler Swanzey Hannah Chase, Deborah Slead, Sarah Briggs. South Kingston Ruth Rodman — Acoaxet Anne Eddy, Mary Tripp — Providence Ruth Greene, Mary Brown — Uxbrige, Marcy Earl, Eunice Aldrich —

Received Accounts with Answers to the Queries from each Monthly Meeting; although there appears great deviations from our principles, which we as a people make profeſsion of, yet we have a hope that there are some in most Monthly Meetings who seem engag'd for the good order of Society and are endeavouring to promote the cause of Truth.

Marcy Slocum, Alice Almy, Mary Tucker, Elizabeth Thurston and Ruth Hall, are appointed to prepare Epistles to the monthly meetings and bring to the adjournment, to morrow

This meeting adjourns to the 12th hour to morrow —

Sixth day the 8th met by Adjournment. The representatives all present and answered to their names, except one who was absent on Account of Sickneſs —

The committee presented the Epistles, which were read, approved and ſign'd by the Clerk directed to each monthly meeting ——

The printed general Epistle from the yearly meeting, held in London, from the 31st of the 5th Mo. to the 5th of the 6th Mo. 1783, the reading thereof affording comfort & ſatiſfaction to some minds ——

The matter concerning our friend Stephen Slead and Daniel Howland Junrs publick Testimony being left to the mens meeting, inform they have attended to their appointment; make report, which was laid before this Meeting, that they concurred with the recommendations of ſaid monthly meetings; after conſideration, this Meeting unites therewith ——

This meeting concludes, in a degree of ſtillneſs and adjourns to Swanſey, to be held in the first Month —— ——

# At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Swanzey the 13th of the 1st Mo. 1785 —

The representatives present are, for Rhode-Island, Elizabeth Thurston, Jemima Fish — Dartmouth Marcy Slocum, Mary Smith, Lilis Gifford — Greenwich Sarah Reynolds — Smithfield Ruth Arnold, Deborah Mowry — Swansey Martha Chase, Abigail Lawton — South Kingston, Abigail Hoxsie — Acoaxet Mehitable Chase, Rhody Macomber, Deborah Tripp — Uxbrige Rachel Aldrich, Rhody Barrett — Providence Elizabeth Arnold, Affa Vaughn, Abigail Arnold —

Alice Sprague & Lydia Congdon being under appointment to attend this meeting ſent their excuses, which appear'd ſatisfactory —

Receiv'd Accounts from each monthly meeting with Answers to the Queries, wherein it manifestly appears, there is a great shortneſs in the practical part, and discovers that more circumspection and watchfulneſs is neceſsary for us as a People, yet we have a hope there still remains a remnant, who are exercised on their own account and for the Churches ſake, that truth may proſper and prevail. —

Jemima Fish, Alice Almy, Mary Austin, & Rhoda Barrett are appointed to prepare Epistles for the ſeveral Monthly Meetings, and bring to the adjournment to Morrow — —

Smithfield Monthly Meeting informing that they had appointed Deborah Mowry to the Station of an

Elder, which being laid before this and the Mens Meeting received their approbation; ——

Likewise Uxbridge monthly meeting informes, they had appointed Joanna Shove to the Station of an Elder, which received the approbation of both meetings, and was added to the Epistles ——

Lydia Wilkinson is appointed to acquaint the ſelect Meeting, that Deborah Mowry & Joanna Shove are approved of to the ſtation of Elders, & make report to this meeting to morrow thereof —

This meeting adjourns to the 12th hour to Morrow ——

Sixth day the 13th. Met by adjournment —

the representatives present and answered to their names ——

The Committee presented the Epistles agreable to appointment, which were read, approved & ſigned by the Clerk, directed to the ſeveral Monthly meetings —

The ſelect Meeting were informed of Deborah Mowry & Joanna Shove's being approved to the Station of Elders ——

Mary Brown is continued to Write for this meeting the ensuing year —

This Meeting concludes, and adjourns to Greenwich to be held in the fourth Month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at East Greenwich the 7th of the 4th Mo. 1785 —

The Representatives present for Rhode Island are — Hannah Weeden, Ruth Shearman, Sarah Rodman — for Dartmouth Judith Ruſsell, Deborah Gifford, Sarah Howland — For Greenwich Anna Greene Philadelphia Howland — for Smithfield Hepziba Buffum, Ruth Arnold, Suſanna Aldrich — for Swanzey Abigail Lawton, Elizabeth Slade, Mary Austin for South Kingston Sarah Hoxsie, Hannah Hoxsie — for Acoaxet Mehitable Chase, Mary Tripp — for Uxbridge Sarah Arnold, Rhoda Barrett — Providence Elizabeth Arnold, Abigail Arnold, all present except Anne Eddy & Elizabeth Farnum the latter ſent no Excuse —

Our Friend Ann Jeſsop attended this Meeting with her Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held at new Garden in North Carolina by Adjournments from the 31st of the 7th Mo. to the 4th of the 8th Mo. 1784, which manifested the Unity and concurrence of friends in her making a religious visit in the Nothern parts of America as far as new England and also to friends in Europe; with one from the Quarterly Meeting held in new Garden North Carolina by adjournments from the 14th of the 8th Mo. 1784 to the 16th of the ſame —

Receiv'd Accounts from all the Monthly Meetings, with Answers to the Queries, wherein we ſtill find great deviations from truths Testimony in its ſeveral branches, which is cause of ſorrow, yet we have a belief there is a few in all Monthly Meetings, who are in ſome degree labouring to have things more Orderly — Our Friend Zacharias Dicks attended this Meeting with his Certificate from the Month

Monthly Meeting held at Cane Creek in North Carolina 3rd of the 7th Mo. 1784, ſignifying his concern and their unity in his paying friends a religious Visit in these parts —— Also a concurring one from the Quarterly Meeting held at new Garden in North Carolina by adjournments from the 14th of the 8th Mo. 1784, to the 16th of the ſame inclusive —— likewise to Friends in great Britain Ireland & elsewhere ——

Also one for our Friend John Elliot from the Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia the 31st of the 12th Mo. 1784, who having a concern to accompany our Friend Zacharias Dicks in his Visit here, he being a Minister in good esteem at home, were all read to satisfaction ——

Anne Thornton, Audry Greene, Abigail Arnold, Alice Almy are appointed to Write to the Monthly Meetings, desiring their attention to the deficiencies mentioned in the Answers to the Queries and make such remarks as appear neceſsary and bring to the adjournment to morrow ——

Mary Rodman, Mary Brown, Mary Mitchel 2nd are appointed to prepare an Account to the Yearly Meeting and collect general Answers and bring to the adjournment to morrow ——

A Certificate on behalf of our Friend Mary Mitchell, from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Rhode Island the 29th of the 3rd Mo. 1785, Expreſsive of their Unity & ſympathy with her in making a religious Viſit to Friends at new York, long Island

and parts adjacent, which was read, and having the concurrence of this and the Mens Meeting therein — Elizabeth Mott, Desire Langford are to aſsist in preparing a Certificate for her and bring to the Adjournment to Morrow

This Meeting Adjourns to the 12th hour to Morrow.

Sixth day, met by Adjournment —

The Representatives are all preſent

Agreable to appointment, the Committee presented the Epistles, which were read approv'd and ſign'd by the Clerk — also the names of our Friends who are to attend the Yearly Meeting, from each Monthly Meeting added thereto —

According to appointment the Account, with Answers prepared for the Yearly Meeting were read, approved and ſign'd by the Clerk — The names of the Representatives appointed to attend said Meeting are added thereto as follows — —

For Rhode Island Mary Rodman, Ruth Shearman Elizabeth Hoſier — Dartmouth Judith Ruſsell, Sarah Howland — Greenwich Desire Langford Anna Greene, Sarah Reynolds — Smithfield Hepzibah Buffum, Anne Thornton — Swanzey Mary Austin, Elizabeth Slaid — South Kingston Hannah Hoxsie, Sarah Hoxsie — Acoaxet Mary Tripp Mehitable Chase — Uxbridge Rhoda Barrett, Sarah Arnold — Providence Mary Brown, Abigail Arnold —

This Meeting adjourns to the 9th hour to Morrow

Seventh day the 9th Met by Adjournment —

The Representatives all preſent

Was read in this Meeting the general printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London by Adjournments from the 31st of the 5th Mo 1784, to the 5th of the 6th Mo incluſive, Containing ſeasonable and affectionate advices which deserve our most ſerious attention

A Certificate was read on behalf of our Friend Zacharias Dicks, directed to the Monthly Meeting at Cane Creek in North Carolina, ſigned by the Clerk of both Men & Womens Meetings

A concurring Certificate was read in behalf of our Friend Mary Mitchell, who having a concern to make a religious viſit to Friends at new York, long Island or parts adjacent which we unite with, ſigned by the Clerks of both men & Womens Meeting

Was read in this Meeting a Certificate on behalf of our Friend David Sands, directed to the Monthly Meeting in nine Partners ſigned by the Clerk of both men & womens Meeting

# At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Smithfield the 7th of the 7th Mo 1785.

The Representatives present for Rhode Island, Elizabeth Thurston, Amy Sheurman, — For Dartmouth Anne Eddy, Rhoda Tucker, Phebe Smith — Greenwich Anna Greene, Lydia Congdon, Smithfield, Hannah Read, Anna Thornton — Swanzey Lydia Boyice; Elizabeth Shove, Sarah Briggs — South-Kingstown, Bathsheba Knowles, Ruth Rodman — Acoaset Sarah Sowle — Uxbridge Elizabeth Pharnum — Providence Mary Lapham, Audry Greene — All present except four — Sylvester Howland and Rhoda Macomber ſent ſatiſfactory reaſons for their absence — Margaret Walker and Eunice Scott being under appointment, we received no excuse for them —

Received Accounts with Answers to the Queries from each Quarter, wherein there ſtill appears to be a neglect in the attendance of our religious Meetings, both on first and other days of the Week; with many other deficiencies almost through the whole of the Answers; which is sorrowful to a remnant; yet we believe there is a few in all the Monthly Meetings, who are concerned to keep up true judgment, and maintain a right Discipline in its most extensive branches —

We received your Epistle of the 6th Mo 1785, which was acceptable, and some of our Accounts inform that the advice of last Quarter, in particular to Overſeers hath been noticed; a care rests with divers meetings to make some further progreſs —

Was read two Epistles, one from the Yearly Meeting of Women held at Philadelphia from the 27th of the 9th Mo to the 1st of the 10th Mo inclusive 1784 — with one from the Yearly Meeting of Women held at Westbury on long Island from the 28th of the

5th Mo to the 1st of the 6th Mo 1785, containing much instructive and uſeful advice

Elizabeth Thurston, Margaret Smith, Anna Greene, Abigail Harriſs, Mary Robinson, are appointed to Write to the ſeveral Monthly Meetings, and bring to the Adjournment to Morrow

This Meeting Adjourns to the 11th hour to Morrow

Sixthday the 8th Met by Adjournment

The Representatives all present that were Yesterday — Except Elizabeth Arnold, Margaret Walker; Eunice Scott present at this Time

Agreable to appointment the Committee presented the Epistles for the Monthly Meetings which were read, approv'd and ſignd by the Clerk, directed to each, recommending to the monthly & preparative Meetings to read again the advice given by the last yearly Meeting respecting Spirituous Liquors; with Copies of the Philadelphia and Flushing Epistles from the yearly meeting of Women

Swanzey Monthly Meeting inform they have appointed Hannah Earl to the place of an Elder, which after consideration received the approbation of this and the mens meeting, and was entered in the Epistles to the Monthly Meetings — Lydia Wilkenſon is appointed to inform the next ſelect Quarterly Meeting thereof and report to our next Meeting

RhodeIsland Account informed they had proposed David Greene to the Station of an Elder, which after con

Consideration received the approbation of this and the Mens Meeting

Anna Greene, Anna Thornton, Hepzibah Buffum, Rhoda Barrett, Sarah Arnold, Mary Brown informed this Meeting they attended the Yearly Meeting agreable to appointment

Abigail Arnold informed ſhe was prevented attending by reason of ſickneſs in the Family

This Meeting concludes and Adjourns to Dartmouth in the 10th Mo. next

Sign'd in and on behalf of ſaid Meeting
By
Mary Brown Clerk

At our Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Dartmouth for Rhode Island the 13 of the 10 Mo. 1785

The Clerk being absent by reason of ſickneſs, this Meeting appoints Elizabeth Mott to ſupply her place for this time

The representatives being called, are, for Rhode Island, Ruth Shearman, Mary Siſson and Mary Dockray, by reason of ſickneſs is absent — For Dartmouth Anne Eddy, Rhoda Tucker and Deborah Gifford — For Greenwich Desire Langford, Hannah Caſey — Smithfield Ruth Arnold and Elizabeth Sprague — For Swanzey Deborah Slade, Hannah Earl and Patience Anthony — For South kingston Sarah Congdon & Abigail Hoxsie — For Acoaxet Suſanna Cornell, Mehitable Chase — For Uxbrige Rachel Stear Rachel Aldrich & Sarah Batty — For Providence Abigail Harriſs, Mary Brown being unwell did not attend, Abigail Arnold junr.

We Recd. Accounts from all the Monthly Meetings, with Answers to the Queries, but as ſome of the Answers being drawn from the former Queries and the Queries not being present, the reading of them is defer'd until to morrow —

We learn by an Account from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting that Dorcas Earl is ap appointed to the place of an Elder, having had the concurrence of the Mens Meeting, which also hath the concurrence of this Meeting, both men and Women Friends ——

Anna Greene, Desire Langford & Hannah Casey are appointed to Write to the ſeveral Monthly Meetings and bring to the adjournment ——

This Meeting is adjourn'd to the eleventh hour to Morrow ——

Met according to adjournment — The representatives called, being all present except the two that were prevented by ſickneſs — The former Queries being presented, and the Answers which were drawn from them, according to the ſtate of the Meeting being read, and we find by pursuing the whole of the Answers, that there yet remains many deficiencies, but we have the ſatisfaction to find that care hath been taken, in most if not all the Meetings for an amendment, and much labour hath been bestow'd in some of the Meetings, which care we hope may increase ——

The friends that were appointed to Write to the Monthly Meetings, presented the Epistles, they being read, approved and ſign'd by Elizabeth Mott Clerk this time — This Meeting concludes & adjourns to Swanzey in the first Month ——

We were favoured with the London Epistle, which was read in this Meeting which was ſatiſfactory

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Swanzey 13th 11mo 1785 —

The Representatives present are For Rhode Island, Elizabeth Thurston, Jemima Fish, Dartmouth Marcy Slocum, Mary Smith, Lillis Gifford — Greenwich Sarah Reynolds — Smithfield Ruth Arnold — Deborah Mowry — Swanzey Martha Chase, Abigail Lawton — South kingston Abigail Hoxsie — Acoaxet Mehitable Chase, Rhoda Macomber, Deborah Tripp — Uxbridge Rachel Aldrich Rhoda Barrett — Providence Elizabeth Arnold Aſa Vaughn; Abigail Arnold — Alice Sprague & Lydia Congdon being under appointment to attend this Meeting, ſent their excuſes which were ſatiſfactory —

Recd Accounts from each Monthly Meeting with answers to the Queries, wherein it manifestly appears there is a great ſhortneſs in the practical part, and discovers that more circumſpection and watchfulneſs is neceſsary for us as a People, yet we have a hope there ſtill remains a remnant who are exercised on their ow account, and for the Churches ſake that truth may proſper and prevail —

Jemima Fish, Alice Almy, Mary Austin Rhoda Barrett are appointed to prepare E

Epistles for the ſeveral Monthly Meetings and bring to the adjournment to Morrow

Smithfield Monthly Meeting informing that they had appointed Deborah Mowry to the Station of an Elder, which being laid before this and the mens Meeting received their approbation ——

Likewise Uxbridge Monthly Meeting informed they had appointed Joanna Shove to the Station of an Elder, which received the approbation of both Meetings, and was added to the Epistles ——

Lydia Wilkinſon, is appointed to acquaint the ſelect Meeting, that Deborah Mowry and Joanna Shove are approved to the Station of Elders, and make report to this Meeting to morrow thereof ——

This Meeting adjourns to the 12th. hour to Morrow ——

Sixth day 13th. Met by Adjournment ——

The Representatives present & answered to their Names ——

The Committee presented the Epistles, agreable to appointment, which were, read approved & ſign'd by the Clerk, directed to the ſeveral Monthly Meetings —

The Select Meeting were informed of Deborah Mowry and Joanna Shoves being approved to the Station of Elders

Mary Brown is continued to Write for this Meeting the ensuing Year

This Meeting concludes, and adjourns to Greenwich, to be held in the fourth Month Next

N.B. The foregoing Minute is doubly Entred by Mistake See page 27.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Swanzey for Rhode Island the 12th of the 1 Mo. 1786 —

The Representatives present for Rhode Island are; Mary Siſson, Elizabeth Thurston — Dartmouth Bathsheba Howland, Elizabeth Sandford, Joanna Gifford — Greenwich Rebecca Proud — Smithfield Elizabeth Sprague, Bathsheba Wing — Swanzey annah Earl Abigail Lawton, Patience Anthony. Acoaxet, Sarah Soul, Mary Davis — South Kingstown Sarah Knowles, Uxbridge Bulah Sabin; Sarah Arnold — Providence Elizabeth Arnold, Mary Brown —

— By Accounts Recd. this Quarter with Answers to the Queries from each Monthly Meeting We learn, there is a neglect ſtill in the attendance of our Meetings, not clear of ſleeping, and we obſerve with ſorrow that almost through the Answers, there ſeemed a great ſhortneſs in coming up to our principles, yet a comfortable hope remains, that there is a remnant in each Monthly Meeting engaged in the ſpirit of their minds, labouring for the well ordering of Society, endeavouring to keep up & maintain the Discipline in the Spirit of it —

Alice Almy, Elizabeth Thurston, Mehetable Chase and Elizabeth Sprague are appointed to prepare an Eſſay to the ſeveral Monthly Meetings to bring to the adjournment to morrow, which is at the Eleventh Hour —

Sixth day the 13th. Met by adjournment, The representatives all present and Answered to their Names, & the Committee under appointment brought the Epistles for the ſeveral Monthly Meetings, which were read, approved & ſignd by the Clerk ——

Mary Brown informed this Meeting, ſhe desires to be excused from ſerving as Clerk, which was referred to the next Quarter for consideration ——

—— Read in this Meeting the general printed Epistle, containing ſeasonable advices to various States, and in particular a paragraph addreſsed to our Youth, which deserves their ſerious attention, also that part treating of ſolemn retirement is worthy of our close attention —

This Meeting concludes and Adjourns, to be held at Greenwich in the 4th Mo. next if permitted ——

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Greenwich the 13th of the 4th Mo 1786 —

The representatives present for Rhode Island are — Ruth Shearman, Hannah Lawton. Amey Thurston — Dartmouth, Patience Austin, Sarah Howland, Greenwich, Hannah Caſey, Desire Langford Margaret Spencer — Smithfield. Alice Sprague, Ruth Arnold — Swanzey, Mary Chase, Iſabel Chase — South Kingstown, Sarah Knowles, Hannah Hoxsie. Mehetable Collins — Acoaxet, Rebecca Tripp, Bethia Macomber — Uxbridge, Joanna Shove, Rachel Moore, Thankful Batty — Providence. Ruth Greene, Amey Harriſs —

Rec.d Accounts from all the Monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries, by which we learn, Meetings have been kept up by the larger Number except four Meetings of Worship and one of Discipline, occasioned by the severity of the weather; but it rather appears to be a time of ease, like unto the State of the Church formerly, and that divine Love which keeps and preserves the Unity, is too much wanting among us —

Many deficiencies, again complained of in the Answers, yet we have a belief there are faithful Labourers in the Vineyard of the most high —

Elizabeth Arnold, Hannah Rodman, Abigail Arnold, Rebecca Almy are appointed to prepare Epistles to the Monthly Meetings, and bring the same to the Adjournment to Morrow — Desire Langford, Amy Thurston, Mary Brown, are appointed to collect general Answers, from those brought up from the ſeveral Monthly Meetings, prepare an Account to the enſuing Yearly Meeting, and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting to morrow —

This Meeting Adjourns to the eleventh hour to Morrow —

The 14th. Met by Adjournment. The Repreſentatives all present except one, detained by ſickneſs —

The Committee, under appointment to prepare Epiſtles for the Monthly Meetings, brought the ſame, which were read, approved, and Sign'd by the Clerk, forwarded to each Monthly Meeting with the names of those Friends who are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting —

Agreable to appointment the Committee preſented an Account with the ſimilar Answers to the Queries, which were read, approved and ſign'd in and on behalf of said Meeting by the Clerk and are as follows viz.t Rhode Island, Elizabeth Hadwen, Amy Thurston, Ruth Shearman — Dartmouth Patience Austin, Sarah Howland — Greenwich Dorcas Langford, Hannah Cary — Smithfield Elizabeth Sprague, Elizabeth Arnold — Swanzey none — Acoaxet Rebecca Tripp, Bethiah Macomber — South Kingston Alice Congdon, Sarah Knowles Uxbridge Rachel Steere Joanna Shove — Providence

Mary Brown, Amey Harriſs

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in their Account inform that our Friend Job Scott has a concern to pay a religious visit to Friends of Long Island and Pennſylvania, and their Certificate having been laid before this meeting and concurred with, The following Endorsement was signed by the Clerk of both Meetings

The within Certificate in behalf of our Friend Job Scott, being produc'd & considered in this Meeting, we hereby certify our Unity with him in his concern, and approve of his proceeding upon the Visit as therein mentioned

This Meeting concludes, and adjourns to be held at Smithfield in the ſeventh Month next

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield for Rhode Island, the 13th 7 Mo. 1786

Representatives present are - for Rhode Island Mary Lawton, Alice Almy, Jemima Fish - Dartmouth Mary Slocum, Judith Russell, Mary Smith - Greenwich Freelove Harriss - Smithfield Margaret Smith, Elizabeth Sprague, Hepzibah Buffum Swanzey Sarah Purrington, Bethany Buffington Acoaxet Susanna Russell Sarah Smith - South Kingston Hannah Hoxsie, Hannah Hazard - Uxbridge - Margaret Bussell - Providence Mary Brown Abigail Harriss and all present except three who were detained by Sickness

This Meeting were informed, that our Friends Elizabeth Madwen, Ruth Sherman Amey Thurston, Elizabeth Arnold, Joanna Shove, Mary Brown Desire Sungford, Hannah Casey Patience Austin, Amey Harriss, Alice Congdon, Sarah Knowles, Sarah Howland, Rebecca Tripp, Rachel Stare attended the Yearly Meeting agreeable to appointment

Alice Sprague being under the same appointment, informed she could not attend by reason of disappointment

Our Friend Nicholas Wain attended this Meeting with his Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held at Philadelphia for the Southern District 26th 4 Mo. 1786 - Also our Friend Peter Yarnall attended this Meeting with his Cer

Certificate from Warrington Monthly Meeting, York County the 11 of 2 Mo. 1786—

Likewise our Friend Elisha Kirk with his Certificate from the ſame Monthly Meeting the 11th of 3 Mo. 1786— they being Ministers in good esteem, were all read to ſatiſfaction ——

By Accounts rec.d with Answers to the Queries, from all the Monthly Meetings, which were read, we find that all our Meetings have been kept up by the greater Number, yet there are too many who are very neglectful in that part of duty —— As to love and Unity, we think generally preserved amongst us, and divers friends appear to be under a concern for themselves, and a right Education of the young and rising Youth, that they may keep to every branch of plainneſs becoming our profeſsion; and a care ſubsisting to labour with offenders in meekneſs; But repeatedly brought up are the departures from our Christian Testimony, and in particular that evil practice of not being watchful and guarded enough against a ſpirit of Detraction too much prevailing with us as a People to the prejudice of individuals and wounding of Society —— Rec.d an Epistle from the Yearly Meetg of Women held at Newport in the 6 Mo. 1786 which was read, wherein we remark the seasonable advices to the State of society and therein recommend to our consideration appointing a Committee of concerned Friends to Visit the Monthly Meetings to remove the deficiencies appearing amongst us ——

Read an Epistle, from the Yearly Meeting of men held at Newport in the 6 Mo. 1786 ——

Our friends Alice Almy, Dorcas Earl, Abigail Arnold, are appointed to prepare Epistles to the Meetings, taking the Answers to the Queries, and to make such remarks as may appear necessary and bring them to the adjournment of this Meetg to morrow —— This Meeting adjourns to the eleventh hour to Morrow ——

Sixth day, the 14th met by adjournment

Representatives all present which were yesterday, and Hannah Fowler attended this Meeting to day ——

The Committee appointed to Write to the Monthly Meetings, brought them to this Meeting and they were read, approved and signed by the Clerk, who is directed to Copy a sufficient number of Epistles from the Yearly Meetg of Women, held at Newport in the 6 Mo. to furnish all the Monthly Meetings therewith, agreeable to the advice of this Meeting, with Copies of Philadelphia &

(and Long Island Epistles, and make report to the next Quarterly Meeting

The Yearly Meeting of Women recommending to this Meeting, by advice in their Epistle, appointing a Committee of concerned Friends to visit the Monthly Meetings which has been weightily attended too, we feelingly Unite with it & accordingly appoint our Friends — Elizabeth Mott, Mary Mitchell 1st Lydia Brown, Margaret Smith, Mary Brown, Martha Gifford, Marcy Slocum, Dorcas Earl, who are to give ſuch advice, as they in the ability truth affords, may think neceſsary) for the removal of the many deficiencies that are amongst us, which is refered to the next Quarter for consideration

(Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in their Account inform, that our Friend Joseph Mitchell hath a concern to pay a religious visit to Friends in Pennſylvania, the Jerseys, and parts adjacent, as Truth may open the way, and their Certificate having been laid before this Meeting & concurred with, an Endorsement expreſsive of our Unity with him was Signed by the Clerk of both Meetings

And an Endorsement on Certificates in behalf of our Friends Nicholas Waln, Peter Yearnal of Little York, Elisha Kirk from the same Monthly Meeting were read & sign'd by the Clerks of both Meetings

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Dartmouth for Rhode Island the 7th of the 10 Mo. 1786 —— The Representatives for —Rhode Island are, Amey Thurston, Elizabeth Thurston, Rebecca Almy, Sarah Chase — Dartmouth, Sarah Howland, Elizabeth Slocum, Keziah Ruſsell — Greenwich, Hannah Casey — Smithfield Deborah Henry, Elizabeth Smith Swanzey, Deborah Stead, Bethany Buffington, Hannah Chase — South Kingston Mary Dockray Bethsheba Knowles — Acoaxet Suſanna Ruſsell, Lucina Cornell, Patience Potter — Uxbridge Margaret Walker — Providence Amy Harris Mary Brown and were all present except Sarah Arnold, who informed this Meeting by a few lines, ſhe was unable to attend —

We Rec.. Accounts, with Answers to the Queries, from each Monthly Meeting which were read acknowledging the reception of the Epistles of last Quarter, with Copies of Rhode Island, Long Island and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Epistles, agreable to direction of last Quarterly Meeting —

Our Friend Thomas Colley attended this Meeting with his Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Balby, held at Sheffield, in the County of York old England the 10th of the 3 Mo. 1786, expreſſing his concern to pay a religious visit to Friends in this part of the World, with a concurring one from the Quarterly Meeting held at York the 30th & 31 of the 3 Mo. 1785, produced one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London by adjournments from 14th of 5 Mo. 1785 to 23 of the ſame inclusive expreſsive of their Unity & Sympathy with him in his religious visit to America

Abigail Lawton, Elizabeth Hadwen, Elizabeth Thurston Sarah Redman, are appointed to Write to the ſeveral Monthly Meetings, and are desired to attend to the deficiencies mentioned in the Answers to the Queries, and make ſuch ſuitable remarks as may appear neceſsary, and bring the ſame to the adjournment of this Meeting to morrow

This Meeting adjourns to the 11 hour to Morrow.

Sixth day the 13th. Met by adjournment, the Representatives all present & answered to their Names, that were here Yesterday

The Committee presented the Epistles for the Monthly Meetings agreeable to appointment, which were read, approved, ſign'd by the Clerk & directed to each Meeting

The matter respecting appointing a Committee to visit the Monthly Meetings agreeable to the advice of the Yearly Meeting which meeting the approbation of the Quarterly Meeting came again under our consideration Amey Harris, Abigail Lawton & Amey Thurston are added to the Committee who are to proceed in their service, as Truth may open the way —— We are informed that the mens Meeting have appointed a Committee to unite in the same service, which is referred to next Quarter ——

Read a Certificate on behalf of our Friend Thomas Colley, directed to the Monthly Meeting held at Balby in the County of York, which was signed by the Clerks of both Meetings ——

Read, in this Meeting, a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held at Uxbridge the 29th of the 9 Mo 1756, for our Friend Daniel Weiss, who having a mind to pay a religious visit to Friends in New York Government, & having their concurrence therein, and an Endorsement from the Meeting expressive of our Unity, was signed by the Clerks of both Meetings ——

—We are informed by the mens Meeting, that the monthly Meeting of Smithfield approves of the public appearance of our Friend Elisha Thornton and re-

recommend him to this meeting, which received our approbation ——

A Summary Account of the ſtate of the Monthly Meetings, from the Answers to the Queries, was read & approved, and is as follows viz.t ——

Our Meetings have been all kept up & attended by the larger Number, except two Meeting days, one was by reason of the Weather, no reason rendered, why the other was not kept up — Too general a neglect on week-days — not altogether clear of sleeping in Meetings, but some care is taken, as to other indecencies mostly clear — The hour pretty well obſerved — as to love and Unity we think there is a great deficiency, yet we believe there is a living remnant preserved, who are labouring to encourage a right Unity and to discourage that ſinful practice of tale-bearing back-biting & spreading evil reports & to endeavour to end differences when they appear ——

There are some friends who endeavour to bring up those under their direction agreable to what the truth requires, and to be good examples themselves, but many appear careleſs and lukewarm in those respects; — The Scriptures are frequently read by many; we fear that of convening our Families and reading the Scriptures when convened is too generally neglected

We don't find, but Friends are generally careful to avoid the unneceſsary use of ſpirituous liquors; mostly, tho' not altogether clear of frequenting places of public resort — mostly careful with regard to temperance at Births, Marriages and Burials, and many are desirous that it may be kept to on all other occasions

It appears, that many Parents are careful with regard to their Children's keeping Company without their Consent, or with those not of our Society, on the Account of Marriage, and generally discountenance disorderly Marriages

We are not tryed in this day with Priests wages; we believe not altogether clear in regard to Buying Goods ſuſpected to be run

Not wholly clear with regard to Wills, but a care ſubſiſts on that Account; the rest of the 8th Query appears to be mostly clear

Friends are careful to maintain their Testimony against Slavery; most who have them under their care, endeavour in ſome measure to discharge their duty to them; except in one or two instances

Frd.

Friends, as far as appears, are careful, with regard to their promises and Debts, and care is taken —

There is an encreasing care, arising to have all Marriage Certificates, likewise Births, Deaths & Burials recorded; and also with regard to removal Certificates —

Some care is taken to deal with offenders, we think in a measure of the right qualification, yet we fear those weighty services, are not at all times so ſeasonably attended to, as they ought to be —

The circumstances of the poor, are in some measure inspected, and in degree relieved; a care ſubsists to provide busineſs for such as are in want. A concern remains with ſome, to give poor Children learning; One remains placed out from among Friends —

This Meeting concludes & Adjourns to the first Month, to be held at Swanzey.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women, held Swanzey for Rhode Iſland, the 11th of the 1 Mo. 1787

The Representatives present, for Rhode Iſland none — Dartmouth, Mary Smith — Greenwich none — Smithfield Elizabeth Sprague, Ruth Arnold — Swanzey Hannah Earl, Abigail Lawton, Iſabel Chase. — South Kingston Sarah Hazard — Acoaxet Sarah Sowle, Suſanna Macomber — Restwood — Uxbridge Rachel Aldrich — Lucy Daniels — Providence Mary Brown —

Those Friends under appointment, to attend this Meeting from Greenwich, Rhode Iſland & Providence, ſent written excuses, informing that the reason of their not attending, was on Account of the difficulty of traveling, and through indiſpoſition of Body —

Receivd Accounts, with Answers to the Queries, from all the Monthly Meetings, which were read with the Queries — All our Meetings have been kept up, except ſome few, which has prevented Friends attending, by reason of Storms. — Not all clear of that ill example of Sleeping in Meetings, yet we find, a care ſubſists to labour with ſuch — As to love and Unity, We think there is a remnant rightly preservd in it —

There is a concern resting upon the minds of divers Friends for a religious Education of our Youth, and to discourage their attending places of public resort, and the reading ſuch Books, as have a tendency to lead off the mind from more pious and profitable impreſsions; endeavouring to promote true moderation, discountenancing accompanying with those out of Society, and all disorderly Marriages: And there is an increasing care to provide Certificates timely:- To Record Births, Deaths & Burials; and to labour with offenders, and where any remain obstinate they are disowned; but we think, in the general there is a great revolting from our Principles in these reſpects ——

It having opened in the minds of Men Friends, in their Meeting, that it would be more ſatisfactory not to Write, in the usual way to the Monthly Meetings, unleſs ſome Friend or Friends, found it a duty, or had ſomething in a particular manner to communicate at this time, which was laid before our Meeting for consideration, and being weightily attended to, We feel Unity therewith, conclude not to adjourn over as Usual not having any thing ſpecial to communicate, nor any Buſineſs to make an adjournment neceſsary

The Clerk, is therefore directed to furnish each Monthly Meeting, with a Copy thereof, and make report to the next Quarter —

Mary Brown Writes, until there be a Clerk appointed; and ſhe desires the Meeting to take the matter under consideration at the next Quarter —

This Meeting concludes & Adjourns to the 4th Mo. next, to be held at East Greenwich —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at East-Greenwich the 11th of the 4th Mo. 1787 —

The Representatives for Rhode Island are, Mary Mitchell 2nd Mary Marsh, Sarah Rodman, Sarah Chase — Dartmouth Judith Ruſsell — Greenwich Sybil Reynolds, Anna Greene, Rebecca Proud — Swanſey Abigail Lawton, Patience Anthony — Smithfield Deborah Mowry, Hepzibah Buffum — South-Kingston Ruth Rodman, Sarah Congdon — Acoaxet Suſanna Cornell — Uxbridge, Eunice Scott, Rachel Steere, Sarah Arnold — Providence Ruth Greene, Amey Harriſs —— Marcy Slocum, Rhoda Tucker, Phebe Shearman being appointed to attend this Meeting ſent reasons for their abſence, which appeared ſatisfactory —

Accounts were brought up from each Monthly Meeting with Answers to the Queries, which were read and a ſummary Account collected therefrom and is as followeth —

Our meetings generally attended by the greater part of our members, the hour mostly observed by ſuch, tho' a number remain very ſlack & indifferent both as to Meetings of Worship and diſcipline, at times ſome indecencies appearing among our youth, and with ſorrow remark others are so luke warm when they have aſsembled as to fall asleep — We think there is ſome preſerved in a right unity, bearing a Testimony a against that injurious practice of tale-bearing, backbiting and spreading of evil reports. which is too prevalent with ſome; ſome endeavours used to end differences, but think there is not a faithful discharge in that point of duty — A remnant are engaged to educate those under their care in plainneſs and to be good examples themselves — ſome of our youth are departing from the ſimplicity the truth leads unto and are mixing with the conversation of the world as well as ſome of the more advanced — ſome of the youth here of late gone into the practice of reading unprofitable Books; the ſcriptures not ſo much read as might be useful — Mostly careful respecting ſpirituous Liquors — Not wholly clear of places of public resort — A care to keep in moderation at Births &c — A rising concern to give children learning, and to discountenance accompanying with those out of ſociety, and disorderly Marriages — Not tried with any Priests wags or military matters — Clear of Slaves, ſome endeavour to educate those under their care in a virtuous life — Friends ſeem engaged to have Marriages, Births, Deaths &c recorded, yet we are deficient therein — A care ſubſists to deal with offenders without partiality, and place judgment where it appears neceſsary, agreable to our discipline; in all these branches of our testimony we believe there is a ſhortneſs in many —

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Deſire Langford, Sarah Hoxsie, Rebecca Proud and Mary Brown are appointed to prepare ſome account & collect general Anſwers from the above to the enſuing yearly Meeting and bring to the adjournment —

Sarah Haxie, Sarah Rodman, Amey Harriſs, Abigail Lawton & Mary Dockray are under appointment to Write to the Monthly Meetings, if they find ſufficient weight upon their minds for the work and ſervice thereof; if ſaid Committee appear to be clear of the concern, they are to make report to the adjournment of this meeting which is at the 11th hour to morrow —

Met by adjournment — The repreſentatives being called are all preſent which attended heretofore —

The committee appointed to prepare an eſsay to the monthly meetings, if they found their way open, they taking it under conſideration concluded it might be ſafe to communicate ſome advices, which they have preſented to this Meeting, they being read and approved of and the names of our friends appointed to attend the enſuing yearly Meeting added to them ——

The Committee appointed to draw an Account & collect general Anſwers to the yearly Meeting which were read and after ſome alteration was approved of & the names of the repreſentatives appointed to attend the yearly Meeting entered therein and are as follows —

For Rhode Island Mary Marsh — Dartmouth Judith Ruſsell — Martha Gifford —

Greenwich Deſire Langford, Hannah Caſey —
Smithfield Hepzibah Buffum — Abigail Perce —
Swanzey Abigail Lawton — Acoaxet Suſanna
Cornell — South Kingston, Sarah Hoxſie, Sarah
Willbour — Uxbridge, Eunice Scott, Sarah Arnold —
Providence Abigail Arnold, Lydia Tillinghast —
and they to make report to this meeting in the
7th Month

Read in this Meeting a Certificate on behalf of our friend Job Scott from the general ſpring Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Pennſylvania New-Jersey and the western parts of Maryland and Virginia held in Philadelphia the 24 and 26 of the 3rd Mo. 1787 —

Mary Brown having Wrote ſome time for this Meeting, now desires to be releas'd, which was under the consideration of this Meeting & ſuch as were named refuſing, the choice of a Clerk is refered to the next Quarter —

This Meeting concludes and adjourns to the 7th Mo. next to be held at Smithfield —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield the 12th. of the 7th. Mo. 1787 —

The representatives present for Rhode Island are — Elizabeth Hadwen, Elizabeth Thurston — for Dartmouth Elizabeth Sandford Elizabeth Tripp — Greenwich Sarah Reynolds, Lydia Congdon, — Smithfield Deborah Mowry, Hepzibah Buffum, Elizabeth Arnold — Swanzey Phebe Robinſon, Sarah Briggs, Patience Anthony — Acoaxet Mary Milk Mehetabel Chase, Sarah Sowle — South Kingston, Sarah Hazard, Sarah Perry — Uxbridge, Elizabeth Farnum, Hannah Fowler —

Our friends Mary Marsh, Judith Ruſsell, Suſanna Cornell, Eunice Scott, Abigail Arnold, Abigail Perce, Hepzibah Buffum, Hannah Caſey, Deſire Langford; Report they attended the yearly Meeting agreeable to appointment — Sarah Arnold informed she was unwell, ſome others under the like appointment did not inform this meeting whether they attended or not; It is the desire of this Meeting, that in future friends under that appointment may be careful to make report to this Meeting —

Accounts are brought up from each monthly Meeting with answers to the Queries which were read

Account from Dartmouth informed

that they had appointed Deborah Davis to the ſtation of an Elder; after due consideration received the concurrence of both men & Womens Meetings; Margaret Smith is appointed to inform the ſelect Meeting thereof to Morrow

Our friends Elizabeth Thurston, Elizabeth Hadwen, Abigail Arnold are appointed to take the answers and draft a few lines ſuitable for Newport and Uxbridge Monthly Meetings concerning their Anſwer to the 5th Query respecting the poor; likewise to draw up a ſummary Account of the ſtate of this Meeting from the Answers to the Queries & transcribe the Epistles from Philadelphia and long Island and bring them to the adjournment of this Meeting which is at the eleventh hour to morrow.

Thirteenth, met by adjournment, the representatives being again called are all present — The Committee appointed to Copy the Epistles, have presented them, and they are to be forwarded to each monthly meeting by the repreſentatives, who are to take care that return be made of their reception to the next Quarter — Also what was wrote to Newport & Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, being read was approved and is as follows — Obſerving in your Anſwer to the 5th Query, that there is a deficiency with regard to aſsisting the poor, who are in neceſsitous circumſtances, we recommend a more careful discharge of duty therein, and advise as directed by our discipline, you appoint ſome ſuitable friends to inſpect into the neceſsities of the poor of Society and relieve ſuch as appear to need aſsistance —

The above ſigned by the Clerk and forwarded to each of the Monthly Meetings ——

Likewise a ſummary Account drawn up of the ſtate of this Meeting from the Answers to the Queries, which was read and is as follows —

Meetings are generally attended by the greatest part of our Members, the hour pretty well observed by ſuch, tho' there is complaint of ſlackneſs and indifference in ſome with regard to the due attendance of Meetings — likewise not clear of that unbecoming practice of ſleeping in meetings — Love and unity appears to be maintained in a good degree among friends tho' not ſo generally, as could be desired, and the iniquitous practices of tale-bearing &c to be measurably discouraged; ſome care is taken to end differences. — And there appears to be a remnant in each Meeting. who are concerned to keep up our christian testimony in all its various branches, careful to bring up those under their direction in plainneſs. endeavouring to be exemplary themselves, yet we have with ſorrow to remark many deficiencies; ſome of our youth are departing from the ſimplicity truth leads into, too much aſsociating and mixing with the corrupt converſation of the world; Not clear of keeping company with those not of our ſociety (a complaint from two monthly meetings) — With regard to the poor not having their neceſsities relieved agreable to our discipline there appears to be a concern to give children learning, and a care ſubſists to deal with offenders and place judgment where it appears neceſsary, but in every branch of our Testimony we believe there is a ſhortneſs in ſome

Received and read an acceptable Epistle from our yearly meeting held at Newport 6th Mo 1787. which contained their advice with regard to appointing a Committee to visit the monthly meetings belonging to Rhode-Island Quarter, being complyd with in the 7

7th Mo. last, ſaid Committee is ſtill continued to proceed in the ſervice as truth may open the way, and when ready to make report of their doings to this meeting ——

Read yesterday the Transcripts of the Philadelphia and long Island Epistles, but not minuted until to day, which were fresh encouragement for us to persevere in the way of truth cast up for us to walk in, and we affectionately desire the youth may make a wise improvement of those paragraphs ſo particularly addreſſed to them for their ſtability and growth in the unchangeable truth - ——

Handed from the mens meeting the following Epistles, one from Philadelphia yearly Meeting in the 9 Mo. last, with one from Flushing yearly meeting in the 6 Mo. with written and general printed Epistles from London of the 6 Mo. being all read and afforded ſeasonable advices to the present ſtate of ſociety ——

A Testimony of the Monthly Meeting of friends held at Newport concerning our esteemed friend Joseph Mitchell, who departed this life at the House of our friend Thomas Smith in Buckingham in Bucks County the 27th of the 9 Mo. 1786, being on a religious Viſits to friends in those parts, which was read to our comfort and ſatiſfaction; he being dead yet ſpeaketh–

The conſideration of a Clerk is referred to next Quarter; — This Meeting concludes and adjourns to the 10 Mo. next, to be held at Dartmouth ——

Signed in and on behalf of ſaid Meeting by ——

Mary Brown Clerk this time–

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Dartmouth the 11th of the 10th Mo. 1787—

The representatives for Rhode Island, Ruth Shearman, Hannah Mott, Alice Almy for Dartmouth Keziah Ruſsell, Mary Tucker— for Smithfield Ruth Arnold Lydia Wilkinſon — for Swanſey— Mary Chase, Elizabeth Austin— for Greenwich Hannah Casey — South-kingston Ruth Rodman & Elizabeth Peckham— for Acoaxet Patience Potter, Suſanna Ruſsell, Peace Lawton, for Providence Anna Harriſs, Aſa Vaughn, for Uxbridge Hannah Fowler, Rachel Aldridge, are all preſent except two who ſent ſatiſfactory reaſons for not attending — Mary Brown being abſent Alice Almy is appointed Clerk for this time —

Recd. accounts with anſwers to the Queries from each Monthly Meeting; from which we collect that all our Meetings are kept up, and that love and unity is in ſome good degree maintained, but not ſo fully by all as truth requires, yet many deficiencies appear for which ſome labour is bestowed for amendment — The account from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs that they have attended to the advice of last quarterly meeting ſo far as to appoint two friends Overſeers of the poor

who have made such inſpection as appears neceſsary,
poor, likewise a verbal Account from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting that they have attended to the advice of last Quarterly Meeting —

The friends that were deficient in informing the last Quarterly Meeting of their attending the Yearly Meeting agreeable to appointment, have now done it —

Amey Harriſs, Mary Dockray, Mary Robinſon, are appointed to draw a ſummary Account of the State of the meeting, with ſuch remarks and advice as appears from the answers to the Queries to be neceſsary to the monthly meetings, and bring to the adjournment to morrow. —

This Meeting adjourns to the 11th hour to morrow —

Twelfth day, met by adjournment —

The representatives being called over, are all present that attended yesterday —

The friends agreable to appointment preſented the Epistles for the monthly meetings, which were read, approved and ſign'd; they also preſented a ſummary Account of the ſtate of the meetings collected from the Answers which are as follows: — We collect that ſlepping and inattention in general are too prevalent in our meetings. It appears that love and unity ſubsist among ſome, But not ſo generally among the profeſsors of truth as to denote them to be the faithful followers of that maſter, who declared love to be the diſtinguiſhing mark of his ſervants, tho' there appears no open differences — Some are alſo concerned to diſcourage tale-bearing and the ſpreading of evil reports and to cultivate in themſelves and others that ſpirit of charity, which thinketh no evil — And tho' the precious hedge of plainneſs & ſimplicity which truth hath ſet about us, is in ſome inſtances ſorrowfully violated, yet that in each meeting a number are preſerved within the limits of it, and feel an engagement that themſelves & families and the flock may be kept from the pollutions of unprofitable books corrupt converſation — and that the ſcriptures may be profitably read in their families when quietly convened — A pretty general clearneſs with reſpect to exceſs in the uſe of ſpirituous liquors appears in the anſwers, and when any breach of good order has been diſcovered in the unneceſsary frequenting of places of public reſort care has been taken — A care in a good degree ſeems to ſubſist among friends to inſpect into & relieve the neceſsities of the poor; to place children among friends, and to give them needful inſtructions — Many deficiencies with reſpect to keeping company without the conſent of parents, and ſome with thoſe not of our ſociety, but a care reſts upon the minds of ſome in each meeting to prevent ſuch deviations — The 8th Query is anſwered clear, except in the article of wills in which many deficiencies are apparent —

A general care ſeems to prevail for the maintenance of our teſtimony againſt ſlavery and for the right inſtruction & encouragement of thoſe who have been ſet free — A pretty general clearneſs in the 10th & 11th Queries — Friends generally careful in the diſcharge of the duties enquired after in the 12th Query, tho' an increaſe of zeal with reſpect to dealing with offenders is apparently neceſsary, yet there appears to be a number in each Monthly meeting, who are concerned for the eſtabliſhment of good order, and the preſervation of our teſtimony.

We are informed by the account from Rhode Iſland monthly meeting, that they approve of the public appearance, in the miniſtry, of our friend Peleg Almy, which is referred to the next quarterly meeting —

Tranſcripts of the Philadelphia & Long Iſland Conſtitue were read in this meeting to good ſatisfaction —

We are informed from the mens meeting, that the public appearance in the miniſtry, of our friend Stephen Buffington, has been brought to this meeting for approbation, and is referred to the next quarter for conſideration. This Meeting concludes and adjourns to the firſt Month next at Swanſey

Signed in & on behalf of sd Meeting
by
Alice Almy
Clk for this time —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women, held at Swanzey the 10th of the 1st Mo. 1788.

The repreſentatives being called are present for Rhode Island Sarah Chaſe and Alice Almy, Sarah Howland, Elizabeth Kerby, Patience Austin, Greenwich, Freelove Harriſs — Smithfield Ellis Sprague, Lydia Wilkinſon — Swanzey Hannah Chaſe, Phebe Robinſon, Suſanna Austin — Acoaxet Mary Tripp — South kingston none by reason of the weather and indiſpoſition of Body  Uxbridge Sarah Arnold  Providence Mary Brown & Mary Lapham — Margaret Smith and Ruth Farnum being appointed to attend this Meeting, but they not appearing nor any excuses received from them —

We received Accounts from each monthly Meeting with answers to the Queries acknowledging the reception of the Epistles from the last quarterly Meeting —

Alice Almy, Sarah Chaſe, Elizabeth Kerby, Lydia Wilkenſon are appointed to draw up a ſummary Account of the ſtate of this Meeting from the above Answers, and make ſuch ſuitable remarks as appear neceſsary, and bring to the adjournment of this meeting to morrow which is at the Eleventh hour ——

Sixth day, met agreeable to adjournment —

The representatives being called over are all preſent that attended yesterday ——

A Certificate from the monthly meeting of friends held at Flushing on long Iſland the 1st of the 11th Mo. on behalf of our friend Joseph Delaplane 1787; ſignifying their unity with him in ~~his~~ religious visit to these parts was read to good ſatiſfaction ——

Our friend Patience Brayton having returned from a religious Visit to great Britain, with a Certificate from the half years Meeting in Dublin 9th of the 5th Mo. 1786, expreſsing ſhe had acceptable ſervice with them, her ministry being edifying and her conduct and conversation corresponding therewith; also one from the yearly meeting of ministers and elders held in London by adjournment from the 3 of the 6 Mo. 1786 to the 12 of the ſame inclusive, manifesting their unity with her gospel-labours while with them — Likewise one from the meeting of ministers and elders held in London by adjournments from the 26 of the 5 Mo. to the 4 of the 6. 1787, expreſsive of their ſympathy & unity with her religious labours, her exemplary conversation & conduct —

Likewise a returned one, which ſhe received from our quarterly meeting, with one from Swanzey monthly meeting with endorsements from the yearly meeting of ministers held in Philadelphia by adjournments from the 27 of the 9 Mo. 1783 to the 4th of the 10th Mo. incluſive, The other endorsement from the yearly meeting of ministers held in Philadelphia ~~by adjournments from the 27 of the~~ 9th Mo. 1787, certifying her religious labours had been to their comfort and edification —

The committee presented the Epistles for the monthly meeting, which were read approved and ſignd — Also a ſummary Account of the ſtate of our meeting, vizt. —

Meetings are all kept up, and pretty generally attended, by the greater number, yet there is a complaint of a neglect in the attendance of mid-week meetings. as also those for discipline — Few of our answers quite clear of ſleeping. A care rests to meet at the hour appointed — Love and unity in good degree maintained amongst us, but not ſo fully as becomes the profeſſed followers of the humble Jesus — Was that divine principle placed in each mind, more attended to it would prevent ſuch frequent complaints with

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respect to tale-bearing & back-biting, and though we believe there are a remnant truly concerned to ſuppreſs that injurious practice —

Some friends endeavour to bring up those under their direction agreeable to the intent and meaning of the Query, and to be good examples herein themselves, but there appears a great remiſsneſs in many others by giving way to ſmall things until their hands become weakened thereby —

We believe the holy ſcriptures are frequently read in divers ~~places~~ families, but we think if they were more generally read by the aged and youth it would prove useful and instructive —

Friends are endeavouring to be careful in the diſuse of ſpirituous Liquors, no complaint except in one of our Answers — Clear of Taverns & places of public resort except in a few instances. A concern appears to keep in moderation at Births marriages &c — The circumstances of the poor and ſuch as appear likely to need aſsistance are duly inspected by ſome meetings, but we fear not ſufficiently by all — There does appear more care to give poor children learning than in times past — None placed from friends that we know of —

It appears that friends endeavour to discountenance their children keeping company on account

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Marriage without their conſent — Some unmarried are careful not to permit a propoſal or to accompany on account of marriage without conſent of Parents —— Not altogether clear of accompanying with those not of our ſociety on that account —— Not all ſo careful to discountenance those under their care from keeping company without their conſent as truth requires —— A care ſubſiſts we hope with the greater part to discourage disorderly marriages —— Not tryed with the particulars mentioned in the 7th Query —

We think there is a concern to ſettle our affairs, but not clear in making Wills, which we deſire friends attention may be turned more to in future ——

Clear of Slaves; ſome are concerned for the education and encouragement of those under their care, but fear all are not ſo careful as would be best for them in the concluſion of time —— No deficiency in performing our promises or paying debts or of going into buſineſs beyond their ability to manage in the truth — There seems to be an encreasing care to have all marriages Births, deaths & burials recorded; and the like care remains that friends be provided with removal Certificates —

Care is taken to deal with offenders, and a tender concern rests among us that ſuch be dealt with in a ſpirit of meekneſs and wisdom, that true judgment may be placed where it appears neceſsary —

A Certificate on behalf of our friend Joseph Delaplane was read and ſigned by the Clerk of both men and Womens Meetings ~~directed~~ to the Monthly meeting at new York —

The matter referred from last quarter respecting the public appearances of our friend Stephen Buffington and Peleg Almy, came again under the conſideration of this meeting, which was weightily attended to, and they received the approbation of both men & womens Meetings and the ſame entered in the Epiſtles ſent down to each monthly meeting informing them thereof — This meeting concludes and adjourns to the 4th: Mo. at Greenwich —

Sign'd on behalf of ſaid Meeting
by — Alice Almy Clk for this time —

At a Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich the 10th of the 4th Mo: 1790

The representatives from Rhode Island Philadelphia Chaimer, Sarah Rodman — Dartmouth Sarah Howland, Elizabeth Tripp — Greenwich Sybil Reynolds, Margaret Spencer — Smithfield, Ruth Arnold, Elizabeth Dixon — Swanzey Eunice Brayton, Mary Chase — Accoxet Mary Milk, Peace Lawton South Kingston Hannah Hoxsie, Ruth Rodman — Uxbridge Lydia Wilbour, Ruth Daniels — Providence Amey Harriss, Susanna Hawks. Elizabeth Sprague was under appointment to attend this meeting, being unwell informed this meeting by a line thereof — By Accounts brought up from each monthly meeting which were read with the answers to the Queries, wherein we find some meetings have not been so well attended as usual by reason of the weather — —

Rebecca Almy, Anna Greene, Sarah Barney, Mary Dockray, Sarah Rodman, Lydia Brown, Amy Harris are appointed to prepare Epistles for the monthly meetings, and collect general Answers with an Account to the yearly Meeting, also to draw up a Summary Account of the state of each meeting from the answers, and bring them to the adjournment of this meeting to morrow which is at the same hour the mens meeting adjourns to —

Sixth day the 11th. Met by adjournment.

The representatives being called are all present

The committee appointed to write Eſsays to the ſeveral Monthly meetings, prepare an account & collect general answers to the ensuing yearly meeting with what appear'd neceſsary to communicate to each meeting, presented them to this, which were read, approved with the Summary Account of the ſtate of this meeting and ſign'd by the Clerk for this time —— The names of our friends who are appointed to attend ſaid meeting entered in the account and are. Philadelphia Chaloner, Patience Brayton, Elizabeth Mott, Mary Lawton, Mary Wilbour and Sarah Howland

The yearly meeting is to be inform'd in our Account, that the Committee appointed in consequence of their advice to the quarterly meetings, have made but a small progreſs in the ſervice of viſiting the monthly meetgs by reason the way ſeemed not to be open for them to proceed therein —

What follows, is a collection from the answers to the Queries —

Meetings for worship and Discipline are kept up by the greater part, yet we think there is a neglect in too many of our members, and a ſlackneſs prevails in the attendance of mid-week meetings. The hour is observ'd by those concern'd to keep them up; mostly clear of ſleeping and other indecencies

As to love and unity, we think it is not ſo prevalent as it would be were we more deeply ingaged for the cause of truth but believe there is a remnant preserved in all our little meetings — In respect to educating those under our direction in plainneſs, we ſensibly see that there is a number concern'd for themselves in families, that they may continue in that plainneſs which so many ſufferd for in ages past, altho' there seems an easy state gaining ground in those things with too many profeſsing with us —— It is a matter of ſorrow to find by the answers, we are not clear of reading unprofitable books, which ſerves to lead the mind from more usefulneſs — The ſcriptures are read we believe, in most friends families, perhaps not many in the practice of convening them together and reading as advised to — too much of an inclination in ſome in joining with the converſation of the world — mostly clear on account of the exceſsive use of ſpirituous liquors — ſome few instances where ſome have been drawn out to places of diversion — Moderation is attended to at Births, marriages &c — Care is taken of the neceſsities of the poor — A concern ſeems to have encreas'd in the minds of friends about giving poor children more learning — Many are discouraging keeping company contrary to our discipline, but not clear at this time — We fear there is a neglect in Wills, mostly careful in not going into buſineſs beyond the proper bounds — An increasing care concerning Certificates & recording marriages Birth &c — also in placing a right judgment where it most appears neceſsary

This meeting concludes, and adjourns to the 7th Mo. next, then to meet at Smithfield

Sign'd, in and on behalf of said Meeting By Mary Brown

who was appointed Clk for this time

# At a Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield the 10th of the 7th Mo 1788

The representatives being called are all present. For Rhode Island, Ruth Shearman, Sarah Barney — Dartmouth Keziah Ruſsell, Martha Gifford, Hannah Wood — Greenwich Freelove Harriſs, Hannah Arnold, Hannah Caſey. Smithfield Hannah Read Elizabeth Sprague — Swanzey, Sarah Briggs, Lydia Shearman — South Kingston Sarah Willbour, Alice Congdon — Acoaxet Elizabeth Austin, Sarah Sowl Uxbridge Hannah Fowler Thankful Batty — Providence Lydia Wilkenſon, Abigail Arnold —

Accounts with Answers brought up from all the Monthly Meetings, and read with the Queries, and ſome ſatiſfactory remarks made thereon — Our friends Abigail Arnold, Sarah Rodman, Ruth Shearman are under appointment to view the Answers, and after ſolidly considering the ſame, are to communicate ſuch advice as may appear neceſsary — likewise are to draw up a ſummary Account from the Answers and lay before the adjournment of this meeting to morrow, which is adjourned to the 11th hour. Sixth day the 11th met by adjournment The representatives being again called, are all present ——

Smithfield in their account informed, that they had appointed Hepzibah Buffum to the ſtation of an Elder, which having the concurrence and approbation of this, and the mens meeting Hannah Read is appointed to inform the ſelect meeting thereof and make report to the next quarterly meeting in the 10th Month —

Our friend Mary Mitchell attended this meeting with a Certificate from the monthly meeting held at Nantucket by adjournment the 13th of the 3 Mo. 1788. which was read to our ſatisfaction; and an endorsement thereon ſigned by the Clerk of both meetings certifying that her company and ſervice were to our ſatisfaction. ——

Recd. and read an Epistle from the yearly meeting held at Newport 6 Mo. 1788. We are desirous the ſeasonable advices against keeping company therein on the account of marriage with ſuch as are not of our Society may be more attended to — We were also favoured with an Epistle from the yearly meeting of Women held in Philadelphia, the 9th Mo. 1787. with one from the yearly Meeting of Women held on long Island 5th Mo. 1788, which were read and afforded us instruction ——

We think well to insert part of the Salutary advice to our youth, and not to the youth only, but that those of every rank may guard against

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entering into unprofitable conversation before meeting whereby they may be rendered unfit for that awful ſilence, which is eſsentially neceſsary for the performance of true worship.—

Our friend Samuel Emlen attended this meeting with a Certificate from the monthly meeting of Philadelphia held for the nothern deſtrict the 13th of the 5th Mo. 1788, expreſsive of their unity with his Viſit to friends in these parts, as truth may open the way.—

The committee appointed to view the Answers presented the following Vizt.—

Although the prospect of ſo many deficiencies in our Answers to the Queries, has been painfully affecting to the minds of ſome, yet we do not feel engaged to communicate much reſpecting them at this time, but rather recommend the affectionate and pertinent advices contained in the Transcripts herewith ſent to you for your ſolid consideration, deſiring they may have their due effect, with the innumerable favours we individually & collectively are daily receiving from the bounty of our gracious law-giver—

The above ſigned & ſent down to each meeting concluded more to be in the form of a minute than in our uſual manner of Writing; ſom friends being of a mind that way or method had had its ſervice, but by no means meant to ſhut up the way, from any particular friends who found a concern to communicate what was on their minds, to convey as caution, reproof or instruction ——

An endorsement on behalf of our friend Samuel Emlen, was read, approved & ſign'd by the Clerks of both Meetings, certifying that his company and ſervices were acceptable ——

A ſummary Account presented to this meeting is as follows ——

Our meetings have been kept up and duly attended by a number, but a ſlackneſs appears in ſome respecting that important duty. Pretty clear of unbecoming behaviour

Love and unity measurably maintained, but not ſo fully by all our members, as would be consistent with our profeſsion —

Tale bearing and back biting not wholly discouraged, though a remnant are concerned for the ſuppreſsion thereof —

We believe a concern to educate children in the plainneſs required, or to be good examples therein is not enough attended to by many ——

Some monthly meetings appear to promote the reading of the Scriptures. ——

The exceſsive use of ſpirituous liquors, pretty generally avoided. — Not quite clear of places of public resort —

A care is maintained respecting the poor — yet we find two children in two monthly meetings placed out, one child from each monthly meeting, the parents of one are not members —

Not fully clear of keeping company on account of marriage, contrary to our discipline —

Our testimony in a good degree preſerved in performing promises, and paying just debts —

There appears to be an encreasing care about records — —

Judgment pretty generally placed where it appears neceſsary —

Some extracts from the mens yearly meeting minutes were read. That part respecting the diviſion and alteration of holding the Quarterly meetings appears proper to be entered on ours and is as follows —

It having been for divers years much desired, by this meeting that a different arrangement of our Quarterly-meetings might take place.

It is now agreed on that the monthly meetings of Dartmouth, Acoaxet & Swanzey be for one year ſett off and added to Sandwich Quarterly meeting, and it is tenderly adviſed that they endeavour to Unite in a brotherly labour together for the promotion of the cause of truth, that they meet & hold at the uſual times, but instead of the uſual places, that in the 10th Mo. is directed to be held at Aponeganſet and that in the 12 Mo. at Bedford and the further consideration of this ſubject is reserved to the next yearly meeting —

That Rhode Island quarterly-meeting be held in the ſpring and ſummer as uſual, in the fall at Portmouth and in the winter at Providence at the uſual time —

The following Epistles handed from the mens meeting — One from the yearly meeting at Philadelphia 9 Mo. 1787, and one from London 5 Mo. 1787 were read in this meeting, the ſuitable advices therein contained we believe was comfortable to the minds of ſome present —

Our Friends Hepzibah Buffum

Jona

Jonathan Greene, Clarke Rodman and William Baſsett are appointed to the Station of Elders, which were approved of by this meeting, and their names to be entered in the minutes, which are to be ſent to the monthly meetings informing them thereof

The choice of a Clerk, has been divers times referred and is again to the next Quarter

This meeting concludes and adjourns to the 10th Mo. then to meet at Portsmouth if permitted

Sign'd in and on behalf of ſaid Meeting, By Mary Brown
Appointed Clk for this time

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth the 9th. of the 10 Mo. 1788 —

The representatives being called are present, For Rhode Island Elizabeth Mott, Elizabeth Hadwen, Jemima Robinſon, Greenwich Anna Greene, Hannah Casey, Smithfield, Lydia Kelly, Lydia Wilkinſon — Uxbridge, Margery Buſsett, Lydia Wilber — Providence, Elizabeth Davis, Abigail Arnold — South Kingston, Alice Congdon, Martha Kinyon —

Philadelphia Chaloner ſent a few lines to this meeting, informing ſhe attended the yearly meeting agreable to appointment, as far as her health would permit — Accounts came up from each monthly meeting with Answers to the Queries, which were read, Mary Robinſon & Sarah Rodman are to collect a Summary Account from the Answers brought up at this time, and are to lay the ſame before the next quarterly meeting in the 1st Mo. as there does not appear buſineſs ſufficient to make it neceſsary for an adjournment —

Mary Lawton also informs this meeting, ſhe attended the ſeveral ſittings of the yearly Meeting according to appointment. —

Hannah Read did not make report to this Meeting respecting her appointment of informing the Select meeting of Hepzibah Buffum being appointed to the Station of an Elder, the representatives from that monthly meeting are desired to remind her thereof —

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Mary Brown agreeable to her request, is released from ſerving as Clerk to this Meeting — Alice Almy appointed Clerk for this Year —

The Summary &c. collected from the Anſwers to the Queries, is as follows viz.t —

Meetings for religious worship & Discipline appear in general to be pretty well attended, tho' a deficiency in the attendance of week day meetings is observable, in the accounts from ſome monthly meetings, not all clear of ſleeping, taking ſnuff, and ſome other instances of unbecoming behaviour, particularly of drowſineſs, of which we remark an almost general complaint.

Although there appears to be in each monthly meeting a number who are honestly concern'd for the promotion of gospel love and unity, yet in the ſeveral Anſwers to the 2nd Query we remark a ſorrowful deficiency in the Christian duty of discouraging, Tale bearing, back-biting and ſpreading of evil reports —

A care ſeems to rest upon the minds of ſome to preserve their children and Families, within the precious enclosure of plainneſs & ſimplicity in every respect; to restrain them both from books and converſation inconſiſtent therewith, to promote an acquaintance with the holy ſcriptures and to enforce their precept by religious examples; yet a careleſsneſs in each of these important points of parental duty, is apparent in the various Answers —

Friends ſeem to be pretty generally clear of the unneceſsary use of ſpirituous liquors, and places of public resort, and many concerned to live in that moderation and temperance becoming our holy profeſsion ——

The circumstances of the poor, the inſtruction of their children, and a care to prevent their being placed among friends, ſeems to be very generally the object of friends attention —

Pretty clear on account of connexions by marriage with those of other Societies, and many take care to discountenance disorderly marriages, and the intimacies which lead thereto ——

From the answers to the 7th & 8th Queries we collect, that friends are pretty generally clear of the ſeveral particulars mentioned in the 7th and that a care ſubsists to discharge those included in the eighth ——

A general concern is apparent for the ſupport of our Christian testimony against ſlavery, and for educating & encouraging in virtue, those among us who have been held therein ——

A general clearneſs in the performance of promiſes, the payment of debts, and a care to keep within the bounds of truth in the management of buſineſs ——

An encreasing care with reſpect to records and Certificates, ſeems to prevail among friends ——

A good degree of religious engagement appears to rest upon the minds of some in each monthly meeting to deal with offenders in the ſpirit of meekneſs and wisdom; and to place judgment where neceſsary in the authority of truth —

This meeting concludes, and adjourns to the first Month, then to meet at Providence if permitted

Signed in and on behalf of
ſaid meeting By —
Mary Brown Clk
for this time —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women held at Providence the 8th of the 1 Mo. 1787 —

Repreſentatives present are — For Rhode Island Mary Robinson — Greenwich Hannah Casey, Freelove Harriſs — Smithfield Hannah Read, Ruth Arnold — South Kingston, Sarah Willbour Ruth Rodman — Uxbridge Sarah Arnold, Lydia Willber — Providence Lydia Arnold, Elizabeth Arnold —

The Clerk being abſent, ſent a few lines informing the Meeting, as the ſeason was, thought it would not be ſafe for her to attend — Mary Brown appointed Clerk this time —

Eliza

Elizabeth Sharnum appointed to attend this meeting, She not appearing & we not receiving any reasons, the representatives of that monthly meeting are desired to make enquiry and inform this meetg thereof —

— Hannah Read informed this meeting that the Select quarterly meeting was made acquainted with the appointment of Hepzibah Buffum to the Station of an Elder —

Accounts brought up from each monthly meeting with Answers to the Queries, wherein we find, that meetings have all been kept up except one preparative meeting, and one on the middle of the week, which was owing to the weather —

Our friend Thomas Comstock attended this meeting, with his Certificate from the Creek monthly meeting, held in the nine partners and Government of new york the 28 & 29 of the 8$^{th}$ M$^o$ 1785, expreſsive of his concern to pay a religious visit to friends in New England, and the Unity and concurrence of his friends therein with ſaid viſit, which was acceptable to us. — —

Sarah Hawkes, Mary Robinſon, Hannah Casey are appointed to collect a Summary Acc$^t$. from the Answers to the Queries presented to this meeting from the ſeveral monthly meetings, and ſaid Committee are at liberty if they find any particular advices to arise in their minds, they may communicate them to the monthly meetings, which is to be brought to the adjournment of this meetg to morrow being at the 11$^{th}$ hour.

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Sixth of the 1 Mo. Met agreeable to adjournment The representatives all present ——

The committee appointed to collect a Summary account from the Answers to the Queries, brought it to this Meeting, with ſome remarks thereon & advices which this meeting approves of & inserts as part of our minutes, and directs a Copy of it to be ſent to each monthly meetg which was ſign'd by the Clerk & is as follows —

Meetings for ~~Worship and~~ Discipline and those for Worship on First days, appear in general to be pretty well attended, but a deficiency in the attendance of week day meetings is observable in the various answers —

There appears to be a number in each monthly meeting, who are concern'd for the promotion of love and unity, but in general we remark a ſorrowful neglect of that charity which if attended to would effectually discourage the unchristian practice of Tale bearing, backbiting & ſpreading of evil reports.

An increasing concern ſeems to rest upon the minds of Friends to bring up their children in that plainneſs and ſimplicity which becomes our holy profeſsion, to restrain them both from books & conversation of a contrary tendency, and to inculcate the importance of reading the holy Scriptures, yet a remiſsneſs in each of these branches is apparent in too many of our members. A good degree of moderation & temper temperance ſeems to prevail on account of Births, marriages and burials; and a concern to keep up our testimony against the unneceſsary use of ſpirituous liquors and frequenting taverns and places of public resort, though ſome deviations are observable with reſpect to places of amuſements. ——

A care for the poor and a concern for the education of their children appears to be generally the object of friends attention ——

Pretty clear on account of marriage with those not of our Society, and a number in each monthly meeting concerned to discourage disorderly connexions —— ——

A general clearneſs in the 7th Query, and in the 8th excepting ſome deficiencies with reſpect to Wills

Friends appear generally clear in the ſupport of our Christian testimony against ſlavery, and a prevailing concern for the right education of those who have been held therein; though not without ſome failure of duty towards them in this reſpect.

A growing care with regard to records is apparent in the Answers, but ſome deficiencies with reſpect to Certificates ——

A general care to deal with offenders agreeable to the ſpirit of our discipline appears to be prevalent among friends, and a concern to place judgment when neceſsary in the authority of truth. ——

We feel freedom at this time to communicate the following advice and remarks ~~which~~ which were ſent to each monthly meeting. -

Altho'

Although the Sword and the alarm of War ſeems to be removed from our borders, yet it appears a time of great discouragement to some, and of liberty & ease to others — Many are girding themselves & going where their own vain minds' inclinations lead them; but be aſsured the day is hastening when all our works will be brought to judgment; The concern that hath taken hold of our minds is to encourage all to ſeek more ardently after that Strength that never failed the righteous throug'out all ages —

— Be prevailed with dear friends, not to loſe your Birth right nor ſell it for things of ſo ſmall value, as one formerly did, even as a meſs of pottage; but as the ſeed lays low let us ſearch for it more than for hid treasure, it is not a time to turn back or to quit the ground whereon our ſafety depends —

We also feel ourſelves engag'd particularly to Note our ſenſe of the prevailing defect in the Christian duty of discourageing tale-bearing, back biting and ſpreading of evil reports; If that goſpel charity which thinketh no evil was more effectually cultivated amongst us, it would have a powerful tendency to discourage the growth of these pernicious weeds, and cause the precious ſpice roots to flourish in our gardens, from whence ſweet incense would arise as an acceptable ſacrifice to the beloved of ſouls — We are alſo concerned to caution the dear youth against indulging in intimacies which lead to marriage with those not of our ſociety, and to remind parents of the important duty of using their utmost care to preserve them within the enclosure of truth; if this was attended to as its importance requires, it would lead to a real concern for the careful attendance of our religious meetings, not only those on first days, but other days of the week: in which respect we observe a deficiency in the answers —

A Certificate was read & Sign'd on behalf of our friend Thomas Comstock, by the Clerks of both Meetings, directed to the Creek monthly meeting of friends in new-york government —

Our friend Job Scott, having for ſome time had a concern to make a religious viſit to friends in the Jerseys, Pennſylvania and the ſouthern States of America, and acquainted the ſelect meeting thereof and laid the ſame before the monthly meeting he was a member of, and therein obtained their unity & Certificate which was read with an endorsement from this meeting, expreſsive of our ſympathy and concurrence with him in his ſaid Viſit, which was ſigned by the Clerks of both Meetings —

The general printed Epistle from the yearly meeting of men friends held in London was read in this meeting; the ſalutary advices & cautions therein appear ſeaſonable for the present ſtate of ſociety, and comfortable, we believe to the minds of a remnant ——

The committee agreable to appointment in the 10th Mo collected and brought to this meetg the ſummary account which was read, approv'd & entered in the minutes of that Meeting ——

This meeting concludes and adjourns to Greenwich to meet in the 4th Mo if permitted—

Signed in and on behalf of ſaid Meeting by —— Mary Brown
Clk this time ——

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at East Greenwich the 8th of the 4th mo. 1789— The Repreſentatives for Newport are Mary Maſh, Eliſabeth Hoſier, & Ruth Shearman—for Greenwich Lydia Weeks & Sybell Reynolds, for Smithfield Eliſabeth Sprague, Deborah Mowr South-Kingston Abigail Hoxsie, & Sarah Hazard, Uxbridge Sarah Battey & Mary Farnum, Providence Amy Harris, & Abigail Arnold— all preſent except Eliſabeth Hoſier.— We have Recd Accounts from each Monthly Meeting with Anſwers to the Queries. from which it is obſervable that many deficiencies yet remain; yet there is a number in each Meeting endeavouring to walk agreeable to Our Christian profession. — Elisabeth Farnum sent a few lines informing this Meeting, that the occasion of her being absent from last Quarterly Meeting was on the Account of Sickness. — Our friends Sarah Rodman, Desire Langford & Mary Brown are appointed to collect a Summary Account of the Answers to the Queries, and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting. — Our friends Hannah Rodman & Alice Almey, are Appointed to collect general Answers from those brought up to this Quarter, and prepare an Account to the ensuing Yearly Meeting. —

This Meeting Adjourns to the same hour the Mens Meeting Adjourns to. —

9th day met according to Adjournment, being the 11th hour — The Representatives being called are all present, Elisabeth Hosier present to day, and was prevented yesterday by reason she (with other friends) was put on shore a distance from this place, and horses could not be procured timely for their getting to this Meeting — The friends to prepare a Summary presented one to this Meeting which was read, and is as follows.

Notwithstanding there appears a slackness with many in regard to a Zeal in the attendance of Meetings; yet there is a remnant concerned to assemble to perform acceptable worship, and a care rests with those to attend at the hour appointed, some few are not preserved from sleeping, by reason they do not keep enough on their watch— Love & Unity is preserved with a number becoming the followers of Christ; such are also concerned at heart to discourage tale-bearing & speaking evil one of another— these are these are bearing testimony against superfluities of all kinds: seem engaged to example themselves & families in plainess, discourageing the reading unprofitable books of every kind, also the corrupt conversation which so much captivates the minds of some: We believe the Scriptures are frequently read by many of our members— Convening families together & reading them at such seasons not so much in practice as we apprehend would be useful: the testimony against the unnecessary use of Spiritous Liquors is gaining ground: two of our Answers not clear as to places of publick resort— care is taken on that Account— Friends are concerned to keep in a good degree in moderation on the Account of births, Marriages &c. and a compassionate feeling is continued towards the relief of the poor in Society— The minds of Friends seem generally engaged to discourage company keeping & Marriages contrary to our discipline— There appears a considerable neglect about making Wills.

which calls for a closer inspection—
As to those few Negroes under the care of friends, they are encouraged to virtue; but greater attention them might be to their advantage —
As to records & Certificates we have to believe it is the reviving concern of many of our members, and that transgressors be timely dealt with, under the influence of best wisdom, which will not suffer partiality or unnecessary delay.—

The Account to the Yearly Meeting was read approved & signed, as also the Answers collected to be sent by our Representatives to the Yearly Meeting, who are Mary Brown, Elisabeth Mott, Mary Lawton, Desire Langford, and Ruth Shearman, the Above names entered in the Account.—

The Committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to visit monthly meetings, in consequence of the Yearly meetings Advice, report, that part of the Committee have attended to the Appointment, and altho their progress was small, yet they have to believe there has been a use therein: said report is accepted & the Committee discontinued— New friends informed this Meeting they were about to propose to the Yearly Meeting, some alterations being made with respect to holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 7th mo., which this meeting concurs with with, and propose sending it up in the Account to said Meeting— A Testimony from the monthly meeting of friends held at Rhode Island the 29th of the 5th mo. 1787— concerning our Esteemed Friend Joseph Mitchell deceased, also one from this, to be endorsed thereon, which

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exd were read and approved — Likewise a Certificate from the Quarterly meeting of friends held at Chesterfield the 27th of the 11th m: 1786 - Certifying that the Gospel labours and Services of Our esteemed friend Joseph Mitchell deceased were acceptable & edifying to them —

The Quarterly Meeting book of Records was brought to this meeting, and the minutes all recorded up to the present time, the former Clerk is directed to have the care of it. — This meeting concludes and Adjourns to any time the Yearly meeting thinks proper to direct to. —

Signed on behalf of said Meeting by

Alice Almy Clerk —

At Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield upper meeting house the 9 & 10th of the 7th mo. 1789 - The Representatives for Rhode Island are Ruth Shearman & Mary Sisson - for Greenwich Hannah Arnold & Hannah Casey, - for Smithfield Margaret Smith, Hannah Read & Elizabeth Smith - for South Kingston Alice Congdon & Hannah Hoxsie - for Uxbridge Hannah Fowler, and Sarah Arnold, Elizabeth Farnum not present, she being unwell - for Providence Mary Anthony & Mary Greene. —

We have received Accounts from all the Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries, and altho there appears many deficiencies in the Answers, yet we believe there is a remnant in each meeting who are engaged in the cause of truth, and are endeavouring to walk agreable to the profession thereof — Mary Brown, Elisabeth Mott, Mary Law and Ruth Shearman, attended the Yearly Meeting agreable to appointment — Desire Langford did not attend, she being prevented by indisposition — Was read in this Meeting three Epistles, one from the Yearly meeting held on Rhode Island, for New England in the 6th mo. 1789, one from the Yearly Meeting of Women friends held at Philadelphia in the 9th mo. 1788 — and one from the Yearly meeting of Women friends held at Westbury on Long Island in the 5th mo. 1789, all which were read to Satisfaction: may the Salutary advice contained in them, make lasting impressions on our minds — Our friends Abigail Arnold, Rebeckah Almy, and Hannah Casey are Appointed to collect a Summary Account from the Answers to the Queries, and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting — Abigail Arnold the 3. & Dorcass Earle Junr are appointed to assist the above named Friends in transcribing the Epistles to send down to the Monthly meetings. —

Our friend John Simpson attended this meeting with a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of friends held at Wrights town in ~~Bucks~~ Bucks County Pennsylvania the 20th of the 5th mo. 1789, expressive of their Sympathy and concurrence with him in his concern to pay a religious visit to friends in som parts of New England, whose company has been truly acceptable to us. — This Meeting adjourns to the 11th hour tomorrow. —

Met agreeable to adjournment, the Repreſentatives being called are all present — Eliſabeth Farnum present to day. —

The friends appointed to prepare a Summary Account presented one to this meeting, which is as follows — Altho there appears a ſlackneſs in many with regard to the attendance of Our Religious meetings, yet there is a remnant in each Meeting who are religiously concerned to attend meetings, and are careful to obſerve the hour — not altogether clear of Sleeping — Love and Unity is preserved among a number in each meeting as becomes the profeſsors of truth; tale bearing &c. is in some go degree diſcouraged — There likewise appears to be a number in each meeting who are carefully concerned to bring up those under their direction, in plaineſs, Useing their influence against reading unprofitable books & the corrupt conversation of the world, endeavouring to be good examples themselves — We believe the holy Scriptures are frequently read in families — And it appears that friends are moſtly careful to avoid the Use of Spirituous Liquors, except for medicines. clear of frequenting Taverns — moderation is in a good degree kept to at births, marriages, burials. and other lik occaſions — care is extended toward the poor of Society, and their neceſsities inſpected & reliev one placed out from among friends, she being an Orphan, & is now with a near relation; friends do moſtly discountenance company keep-ing & marrying out of the Unity of friends — Not alltogether clear reſpecting Wills — Those few friends who have Negroes under their care endeavour to encourage in virtue — There is a care remains with friends in regard to record & certificates; tho in some inſtances not clear — Likewiſe that tranſgreſsors be timely and regularly dealt with, without partiallity or unneceſsary delay. —

The friends who were appointed to Tranſcribe the Epiſtles from Philadelphia, Long Iſland & Rhode Iſland Yearly Meetings, prepared them and brought them to this Meeting which are to be sent down to each monthly meeting: — Some Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting were read in this Meeting: in which is concluded that Swanzey monthly meeting be joined again to Our Quarterly. — Was handed in from the mens meeting and read in this, an Epiſtle from the yearly meeting held in London, also one from the yearly meeting held at Newport for New England: which contained much seasonable advice. This Meeting concludes and adjourns to the 10th month. — Signed on behalf of said meeting by Elizabeth Arnold Clerk this time. —

At Our Quarterly Meetings of Women friends held at Portſmouth for Rhode Iſland the 9th of the 10th mo, 1789. Repreſentatives for Rhode Iſland are, Elisabeth Mosier & Elisabeth Thurston, for Smithfield Lydia Wilkinson & Elisabeth Jillson, for Greenwich Ruth Green, and Lydia Weeks, Southkingston Sarah Hoxie, Abigail Hoxie & Deborah Rodman, Swanzey, Abigail Lawton, Elisabeth Chace & Susannah Austin, Uxbridge Sarah Arnold, Lucy Green, Providence Elisabeth Davis & Mary Brown; all attended except Mary Brown and Susannah Austin; Mary Brown sent a satisfactory reason for not attending; we are not fully informed of the reason of Susannah Austins absence. —

We received accounts with Answers to the Queries from each monthly meeting, wherein is acknowledged the receipt of the transcripts of the Yearly Meeting Epistles, and the advice recommended in them attended to by some meetings. Sarah Rodman, Hannah Rodman and Alice Almy are appointed to draw a Summary Acct from the Answers to the Queries, and present to Our next Quarterly Meeting. Alice Almy informed the Meeting that the Year is expired since she was appointed Clerk to this Meeting, which being considered is the judgment of this meeting that she be reappointed Clerk for the ensuing Year. She is accordingly reappointed. — The men friends inform us, they have appointed a committee to consider on some alteration being made respecting the time & place of holding Our Quarterly Meeting. — We think proper to appoint our friends Elisabeth Mott, Sarah Hoxey, Elisabeth Chace, Amy Thurston & Lydia Wilkinson to join the Committee of men friends therein. A Testimony given fourth from the monthly meetings of friend at Smithfield 24th of the 11th mo 1789 concerning Our friend Susannah Comstock deceased, was read to good satisfaction. —

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to the 1st mo. at ~~[illegible]~~ Providence. Signed on behalf of said Meeting by Alice Almy Clerk.

A summary Account collected from the Answers to the Queries, which are as follows.—

Notwithstanding there is a Slackneſs with many in regard to a zeal in the attendance of our religious Meetings; yet there is in all our Monthly meetings a Remnant that are concerned from a point of duty to aſsemble to perform acceptable worship: these have a care upon their minds to attend at the hour appointed; but some few are not preserved from sleeping; by reason they do not keep enough on the watch, so the enemy gets the advantage thereby.—

Love & Unity is preserved we believe with a remnant becoming the faithful followers of Christ: such are concerned at heart to discourage tale bearing & speaking evil one of another, and some endeavours are used to put an end to differences, where they have arisen; there remains a number who are endeavouring to bear their testimony against superfluities, and to example themselves and families in plainneſs, discouraging the reading unprofitable books, and against the corrupt conversation of the world; we believe the holy Scriptures are frequently read by many of our numbers; convening families together, and reading them at such seasons not so much in practice as we apprehend would be useful.—

We think the unneceſsary use of Spirituous Liquors is gaining ground; it does not appear that our members attend Taverns without some neceſsary occasions. Two of our Members are not clear as to places of public resort. It has become a real concern among friends to keep in moderation on the account of births, marriages & burials.— There does appear a considerable feeling towards the relief of the poor in society, in

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(108) their several capacities enquired after in the 5th query. — We think the minds of friends are generally engaged to discountenance company-keeping on account of marriage contrary to Our discipline. — The seventh answer appears clear. — Also the eighth except Wills, which calls for a greater inspection that it may be answered clear in future. — As to those free Negroes, who are set at liberty, think some care is taken to educate them in virtue; but greater attention would be to their lasting advantage if rightly improved. — As to records & certificates there is a reviving concern on the minds of Our members, that all may be furnished therewith; and that transgressors be timely dealt with under the direction of best wisdom, which will not suffer partiality, or unnecessary delay to take place. —

At Our Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Providence the 7th of the 5th mo. 1790 —
Representatives for Rhode Island are Elisabeth Thurston & Susannah Shearman, for Greenwich Hannah Arnold, Lydia Weeks & Freelove Harris, for South Kingston Mary Wilbor & Hannah Hoxsie, for Swansey Patience Brayton, Elisabeth Chace & Eunice Brayton, for Smithfield Ruth Arnold, Lydia Wilkinson & Hannah Read, for Uxbridge Phebe Mackintire & Lydia Wilbor, for Providence Lydia Brown and Elisabeth Arnold are all present. — Our Esteemed friend Isaac Everitt attended this meeting & produced a Certificate from the Monthly meeting of Monallen held at Huntington in York County Pennsylvania the 11 of 5 mo. 1789 certifying their Unity & concurrence with

in his making a religious visit to the eastern parts of this continent as way might open with a concurring ~~certificate~~ one from the Quarterly Meeting of Warrington; which was read to good satisfaction, and his company & labours of love amongst us were truly acceptable. — Was read a printed Epistle from the Yearly meeting of Friends held in London by Adjournments from the first ~~to~~ the 9th of 6th mo. 1789 containing much salutary advice, which was kindly accepted. The friends appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to draw a Summary Account from the Answers to the Queries presented the same to ~~the same~~ to the meeting which was read & accepted — Abigail Arnold and Lydia Wilbor are appointed to draw a Summary account from the Answers to the queries & bring to the Adjournment tomorrow. —

We are informed by the Account from Greenwich Monthly Meeting that they have nominated Freelove Harris to the Station of an Elder, which meets the approbation & concurrence of this & the mens meeting; Susannah Aldrich is desired to acquaint the Select meeting therewith at our next Quarterly meeting. — A Testimony given fourth from the monthly meeting of friends at Smithfield, concerning our friend Susannah Comstock Deceased was again read, and we appoint Mary Green & Ruth Arnold to join a committee of men friends who are Appointed to consider of said Testimony, and make report to Our next Quarterly Meeting. — This Meeting Adjourns to the 11th hour tomorrow. —

6th day met agreeable to Adjournment, the Representatives being called are all present except Hannah Read who is not able to attend. — The Friends appointed to draw a Summary Account from the Anſwers, preſented the same, which was read and accepted. ~~The committee Appointed to conſider on ſome~~ and is as follows. — Meetings for worſhip and Diſcipline have been duly attended by a number, altho there is a complaint of the number's being very small at times; the hour pretty well obſerved, not altogether clear of ſleeping; moſtly clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met.

Love & Unity appears to ſubſiſt in a good degr among a number in each meeting; but not so generally as would become the followers of Christ; tail bearing &c in good degree diſcouraged.

There is a number in each meeting that endeavour to bring up those under their care agreeable to the 3d Query; but there appears a neglect in many with regard to this neceſsary duty. Friends are generally careful in reſpect to the unneceſsary use of Spirituous Liquors, two Anſwers not clear of attending places of public reſort. Moderation & temperance in a good degree appears to be kept to on the Account of births, Marriages & other like Occaſions. The circumſtances of the poor have been inſpected and their neceſsities relieved. Not clea of keeping company on the Account of Marriage with those not of Our Society. —

which is under present notice. Not clear in in regard to Wills. Friends appear to be careful to maintain Our Testimony against Slavery.— Marriages are duly recorded; Births, Deaths & Burials not all upon record. Clear as to Certificates except in one instance. Care is taken to deal with offenders, and Judgment has been placed where it appeared necessary according to Our discipline.—

The Committee appointed to consider on some alteration being made with respect to the time & place of holding Our Quarterly Meeting report as follows; that they having met & deliberately considered on the Subject, and are of Opinion, that if the meeting which is now Settled at Smithfield Upper meeting house in the 7th month, be removed to Portsmouth & there held in the 8th month, at the same time that it is now held in the 7th mo., and that at Portsmouth in the 10th month be held at Smithfield upper meeting house, at the same time it now Stands Appointed at Portsmouth, it would be advantageous Alterations.—

The above alterations for a trial of one year.

Sarah Hoxsie
Elizabeth Chace

Jacob Mott,
Daniel Aldrich,
Daniel Anthony,
George Comstock,
Elisha Steere,
Amos Collins,
Silvester Weeks.
Jonathan Chace.—

which alteration is agreable to this Meeting. We have Received Accounts with Anſwers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings except Smithfield, which thro some Omiſsion were not brought to this meeting.— The Repreſentatives are deſired to see they are sent to our next Quarterly Meeting.—

This Meeting concludes & Adjourns to the 4th month next at Greenwich.—

Signed in and on behalf of Sd Meeting
by Alice Almy Clk.

At our Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at East Greenwich, for Rhode Island the 8th of the 4th mo 1770. Representatives for Rhode-Island are Avis Stanton, Sarah Fowler & Hannah Shearman. for Greenwich, Sybel Reynolds, Lydia Wicks & Hannah Arnold. For Southkingston Sarah Wilbor & Thankful Collins. For Swanzey Mary Upton 2d & Elisabeth Chace. For Smithfield Ruth Arnold, Elisabeth Sprague & Lydia Wilkinſon. For Uxbridge, Lucy Green & Lydia Wilbor. For Providence Mary Brown & Mary Green, all present but three, who sent satiſfactory reaſons for their abſence. The Clerk being prevented attending by indiſposition, Mary Robinſon is appointed Clerk this time. Received Accounts from each Monthly Meeting with answers to the Queries, which were read. Rhode Island Monthly meeting informs, that with the concurrence & Unity of the mens meeting they have appointed Ruth Shearman to the Statio of an Elder; which this & the mens meeting concur with; and Mary Wilbor is appointed to acquaint the Select Meeting of it.—

Sarah Rodman, Dorcas Williams, and Hannah Rodman are appointed to collect a summary account from the anſwers to the Queries & bring to the adjournment of this meeting. Abigail Arnold, Amy Thurston & Lydia Brown, are added to the above committee to aſsiſt them in preparing an Account to the Yearly-meeting; & collecting anſwers to the Queries. Our Friend Eliſabeth Mott, Amy Thurston, Sarah Hopkins, Sarah Rodman, Freelove Harris & Mary Green, are appointed to attend the Yearly-meeting. The Repreſentatives from Smithfield Monthly Meeting to Our laſt Quarterly Meeting held in Providence, produced the Account & Anſwers to the Queries, ommitted at that time, which were read.—

Several Certificates & indorſements for Our Eſteemed Friend Job Scot, one from the Yearly meeting held on Wyanoak, in Charles-City County Virginia, from the 18th to the 20th 3d mo. 1789: One from the Quarterly meeting at Great Contentney, North Carolina, the 20th of 5th mo. 1789 - One from the Quarterly meeting at Piny Wood in Perquimons County. North Carolina 29th 8th mo. 1789. ~~Quarterly~~ One from the Yearly meeting held at Centre, in Guilford County. for North & South Carolina & Georgia from the 26th to the 29 of the 10th mo. 1789. One from Fairfax. Quarterly meeting ~~meeting~~ held the 14th 12th mo. 1789. And one from the Quar-

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Meeting in Thirdhaven, in Talbot County, Maryland, the 27th 1st mo. 1790. Certifying; that his Ministry hath been edifying, his Goſpel labours uſeful among them, and his conduct & converſation Exemplary- were read in this meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the 11th hour tomorrow. —

9th met by Adjournment. The Repreſentatives being called, all present who attended yeſterday, except two engaged on a committee.

The friends Appointed to prepare the Summary Account, the Account to the Yearly Meeting, and to collect general Anſwers to the Queries, brought them to this meeting, which were read & approved, and the Account signed by the Clerk. Suſannah Aldrich informed this Meeting that she complied with the ~~with the~~ request of the last Quarterly Meeting, in acquainting the Select Meeting of Freelove Harris's appointment to the Station of an Elder. Mary Wilbor informs that she acquainted the Select meeting that Ruth Shearman was appointed to the place of an Elder, agreable to appointment. —

This meeting obſerving by the Southkingston Anſwers, some deficiency within the verge of that monthly Meeting, in attending meetings, felt a concern to address them with a few lines, tending to their encouragement to the diſcharge of that important duty; which was read & approved, and signed by the Clerk, on behalf of the meeting. A Certificate on behalf of our Eſteemed friend Isaac Everitt, directed to Monallen Monthly Meeting, in York-County, Pennſylvania. was read, & with which this meeting concurs, and on their behalf it is signed by the Clerk. —

The Teſtimony & dying ſayings of our friend Suſannah Comſtock, daughter of George Comſtock of Smithfield, was read & approved, and this meeting unites with the ~~vorſe~~ ſenſe of the mens meeting, that it be ſent up to the Yearly Meeting. —

This Meeting Concludes, & adjourns to the 8th mo next at Portſmouth, if the Yearly Meeting approves the Alteration.

Signed in, and on behalf of said Meeting by

Mary Robinſon Clk this time.

Summary Account — By accounts received Meetings for worſhip & Diſcipline have been generally kept up ſince the laſt Quarter except within Southkingston Monthly Meeting where ſome have been neglected, tho' are pretty well obſerved by the greater part of our members, moſtly clear of Sleeping & other unbecoming behavior when met. —

We find a number in each meeting who are concerned to promote Love & Unity, and to ſuppreſs every thing of a contrary nature & tendency. —

A carefulneſs is obſervable in all the Anſwers to attend to the ſeveral particulars in the 3d query. — notwithſtanding ſome deficiencies are apparent. —

It appears that friends are generally careful to avoid the unneceſsary Use of Spirituous Liquors, & a good degree of moderation is obſerved on other occaſions. — We also find a care ſubſiſts to inſpect and relieve the neceſsities of the poor, and to place their Children among friends.—

One instance in several Monthly Meetings of keeping company on account of Marriage, contrary to Discipline; which are under friends notice.— Some neglect in regard to Wills.— A general attention to Our Testimony against Slavery is observed, and an encreasing care appears respecting Certificates, & records, likewise to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness agreeable to Discipline.—

At Our Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the 10th of the 8th mo. 1790. Representatives for Rhode Island are Sarah Robinson & Ruth Shearman, Smithfield Elisabeth Sprague & Elisabeth Smith, Greenwich Hannah Arnold & Lydia Wicks, Swansey Susannah Buffinton & Sibel Shearman, Southkingston Hannah Foxie and Sarah Wilbor, Uxbridge Joanna Snowe & Phebe Mackintire, and for Providence Lydia Tillinghast & Abigail Arnold are all present.—

The Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting all attended except Mary Green who was prevented by sickness.— We have Received Accounts ~~from~~ with Answers to the Queries from each Monthly Meeting. Southkingston Monthly meeting inform, they received the Epistle from Our last Quarterly Meeting. Which has been read in their Monthly & Preparative Meetings.

Also inform they have with the Approbation
of their mens meeting appointed Sarah Wilbor
to the Station of an Elder, Sarah Rodman and
Mary Robinson are appointed to collect a Summary account from the Answers to the Queries,
and bring to the adjournment tomorrow. —

We have received the Epistle from our last
yearly meeting wherein it received the advice sent down from the yearly meeting in
1789. that of reading the paragraph in page
64 of the Book of Discipline respecting keeping
company on account of marriage with those too
near of kin should be read in the several preparative Meetings, and to continue the reading of it as occasion may require. —
Also received transcripts of the Philadelphia
and Long Island Epistles which were read &
the Salutary advice therein contained kindly
accepted. — We have tran~~scripts~~mitted coppies
of the yearly meetings Epistle to each monthly meeting. — Our Esteemed friend Hue
Judge attend this meeting, and presented
a Certificate from the monthly meeting
of Wilmington, new Castle County on Delaware signifying their unity & concurrence
with his making a Religious visit to these parts,
as truth might open the way; he being a
Minister in good esteem. One on behalf of our
Beloved friend Benjamin Sweat from the Monthly meeting held at haddenfield in New Jersey
10th of 5th mo 1790. Certifying their concurrence
and unity with his making a Religious

visit in these parts as way might open, he being an approved Minister.—

Our esteemed Friend James Mott presented the Coppy of a minute from the Purchase monthly meeting held at Marroneck the 10th of 6th mo. 1790 Certifying their Unity with his accompanying our Friend Hue Judge were all read to good satisfaction.—

This Meeting adjourns to the 10th hour tomorrow.—

6th day met agreable to adjournment, the Representatives being called are all present.— The Friends appointed to collect a Summary account from the Answers to the Queries, presented the same to this meeting, which was read & approved.——

Read in this meeting a Coppy of a minute of Our Yearly Meeting held the 6th mo. 1790 being as follows.— Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting having desired some alteration in the time & places of holding two of their Meetings, it was considered & agreable to their request it is concluded that for one Year the meeting which has usually been held at Smithfield upper Meeting house in the 7th mo. be held at Portsmouth the 5th day ~~of the~~ before the Second 6th day of the 8th mo., ~~Month~~, and that held at Portsmouth in the 10th mo. be held at the same time at L. Smithfield, and it is concluded

that their next meeting be held agreeable
to the above conclusion; and the Clerk is directed
to forward to that Quarter & each Monthly Meet-
ing therein, a Coppy of this minute for
their government. ——

By request of Sandwich Quarterly meet-
ing it is concluded that their meeting be
in future held in the tenth month, on the
first sixth day. ——

It is concluded that Certificates granted
by monthly meetings to ministring friends
whose concern may extend out of the limits
of Our yearly meeting may be best signed
at large in the monthly meeting by friends
in their freedom both men & Women. ——

Extracts from the minutes of Our
yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island in the
6th mo. 1790 — This meeting with the con-
currence of the men friends, approve of the
appointment of Sarah Wilbor to the Station
of an Elder & Joanna Shove is requested to a-
quaint the Select Meeting of it. — We are in-
formed by the men friends that they approve
of the publick appearance of Ithael Sabin. —

This Meeting concludes under a Sense of
the overshadowing of divine regard and
adjourns to the 10th mo. at Smithfield. —

Signed in & on behalf of Said Meeting
by Alice Almy Clerk

Our Religious Meetings appear to have been generally attended; we obſerve with ſorrow an inſtance of neglect in one Monthly meeting - we find a number continue concerned to diſcourage talebearing; & to promote love & Unity, but the want of its prevalence in a more general way is obvious, plainneſs in ſpeech behaviour and apparel ſorrowfully diſregarded by some. - but a number are concerned to ſupport our Teſtimony faithfully. - watching over the youth therein, endeavouring to guard them against pernicious books & ~~the~~ corrupt conversation. -

The Scriptures are read, but we believe not so much in solid retirement as would be best. - The neceſsities of the poor are attended to, their Children partake of learning. -

We are informed by the ~~queries~~ anſwers from one monthly meeting, that there is one member that lives from among friends, which is under notice. -

Not fully clear of keeping company without consent of parents, and with those not of Our Society, of which care is taken. -

Our teſtimony against Slavery is generally maintained, several monthly meetings have none under their care. Not clear reſpecting Wills. - some neglect in settling affairs, a few inſtances of deficiency in regard to certificates, in which care is taking — a care ſubſiſts to deal with offenders & to place judgment where it appears neceſsary —

At Our Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield for Rhode Iſland the 7th of the 10th mo. 1790. — Repreſentatives for Rhode Iſland Eliſabeth Hadwin & Mary Siſson, Greenwich Suſannah Aldrich, Ruth Green & Freelove Harris, Smithfield Hephſibah Buffum & Deborah Mowry, Southkingston Ruth Rodman & Sarah Hoxie; Swanſey Sarah Purington, Sibel Shearman and Mary Chace, Uxbridge Eliſabeth Farmer and Rhoda Barrett, Providence Mary Brown & Abigail Harris, are all preſent except one who sent a ſatiſfactory reaſon for not attending —

We have received Accounts with Anſwers to the Queries from each monthly meeting, and are informed by the Accounts & by the Repreſentatives, they received the yearly meeting Epiſtle sent from Our last Quarter. —

Joanna Shove informed this meeting, ſhe anſwered her appointment. — Our beloved friend Mary Mitchel preſented the Coppy of minute from Nantucket monthly meeting 30th of 8th mo. 1790 — Certifying their unity with her viſiting the meetings in this quarter, ſhe being a Miniſter in good Eſteem, which was read to good Satiſfaction. — Mary Brown & Abigail Arnold, are appointed to collect a Summary Acct from the Anſwers to the Queries, & bring to the adjournment tomorrow.

(122) Alice Almy informed this meeting the year was expired since ſhe was reappointed Clerk to this meeting, and requests to be releaſed, which is referr'd to our next Quarterly Meeting. - The Yearly Meeting Epistle from our Women friends of Rhode Iſland, Philadelphia & Long Iſland was read to our Satiſfaction. —

This Meeting Adjourns to tomorrow the same time the mens meeting does. —

6th day met by Adjournment at the 11th hour. The Representatives being called are all present that attended yesterday, the friends appointed to collect a Summary account ~~to~~ from the Anſwers to the Queries presented one to this meeting which was read and approved, and is as follows. —

We find Meetings are all continued & some pretty well attended; but to appearance we think there is not that lively concern to keep up Meetings as ought to be, moſtly clear of any unbecomming behaviour except some few who are overtaken with ſleep. — Love & Unity ſubſiſts in a general way; but we think there is great want of that true love & Unity which engages the mind to a perſeverence in those things which nearly concern our peace, many there are who labour to ſuppreſs that evil practice of tale-bearing & lightly esteeming each other.

A care remains with friends in reſpect to reconciling differences, some friends are exerciſed ~~with reſpect to reconciling differences~~ on their own & families account, that they may keep to that plainness which truth requires, While others are departing from the simplicity of the Cross, in dress, language & behaviour. — a degree of ardent care to prevent our Youth from reading unprofitable books, and incouraging the reading the Scriptures. Most friends we believe are careful in the Use of Spiritious Liquors, & endeavour to keep in moderation on the account of births & marriages. —

The circumstances of the poor are in some measure inspected & they relieved. We think there is an engagement on the minds of friends to discourage disorderly marriages, and the greater part of friends discourage the admitting of proposals of marriage without consent of parents first obtaind, and a labour subsists to discountenance all attempts of keeping company with those not of Our Society on those accounts. — There is a care continued with regard to wills & Certificates; and a faithful testimony maintained against Slavery. We believe there is a right concern amongst friends to keep their promises, and we dont know but clear of enlarging business beyond their abilities. The duly recording Certificates, births & deaths, seems lately much under the notice of friends. As to dealing regularly with offenders we have good cause to think there is a number who at times are under Suitable qualifications for that Servi[illegible], and such find necessity to go forward in the work timely. without partiality or unnecessary delay, endeavouring that true judgment be placed in meekness & wisdom. — An Epistle from Our Yearly

Meeting of men friends held at Newport the 11th of the 6th mo. to the 15th of the same, one from the Yearly Meeting held at London 1st of 6th mo. 1789 to the 9th of the same, were read and the Seaſonable advice therein contained kindly accepted. This Meeting concludes under a ſenſe of the continuance of divine regard, and adjourns to the firſt month at Providence.—

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting
by Alice Almy Clerk—

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Providence for Rhode Island the 13th of the 1st mo. 1791. the Representatives for Rhode Island are Hannah Shearman. Greenwich Freelove Harris, Lydia Weeks. Swanzey Hannah Chace & Sibel Shearman, South Kingston Sarah Hoxie. Uxbridge Joanna Shove Thankful Batty. Providence Mary Anthony Amy Harris. Hannah Chace, Mary Wilbor, Sarah Chace and Thankful Batty sent satisfactory reaſons for not attending this meeting agreable to appointment.—

Our friend Hannah Barnard attended this Meeting with a Certificate from the Creek Monthly meeting held in the Western diſtrict of Nine partners State of New York the 22d of 10th mo. 1790 expreſsing a concern to pay a religious visit to friends in New England within the compaſs of Rhode Iſland Yearly meeting — She being a minister in good Esteem;

Our friend Phebe Field her companion attended this meeting ~~this meeting~~ with a Coppy of a minute from the same monthly Meeting which were read to Our satisffaction.

We received Accounts from each Monthly meeting with Answers to the Queries which were read, wherein we find Meetings have been generally kept up, except a few, the weather such as prevented their attendance. —

Lydia Weeks, Sarah Hoxie & Hannah Hull are appointed to draw up a Summary account from the Answers & bring to the next Quarterly Meeting — Our friend Stephen Buffinton attended this Meeting with a Coppy of a Minute from a Monthly Meeting held at Acoaxet the 15th. of 12th mo. 1790 Signifying his concern to pay a Religious visit to several meetings within Rhode Island Quarter. —

Our friend Elihu Bunker who accompanied Our friend Hannah Barnard, produced a coppy of a Minute from the Creek Monthly meeting — the above Coppies read to satisffaction — The matter respecting the appointment of a Clerk coming before this meeting & considered, and Lydia Weeks named and consenting thereto, is appointed for the ensuing Year — This Meeting concludes & adjourns to Greenwich in the fourth month next. —

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by Mary Brown Clerk. —

Summary. Meetings have been all attend. except a few occasioned by the difficulty of travelling and the severity of the season; generally clear of sleeping, mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met —

It appears there is a remnant in each Monthly meeting who endeavour to support that Gospel Charity which is the badge of true Discipleship, & discourage tail bearing, backbiting &c. and where differences have arisen taken care to end them —

We find a number engaged in educating the Youth in virtue, & some others are deviating from the good example required of them in this respect. A concern to read the holy Scriptures is apparent in all Our Answers; but we fear not enough in that weighty manner queried after. —

We think friends are clear in regard to Spirituous Liquors, taverns & places of public resort mostly avoided. a good degree of moderation is observed at births, marriages & burials. —

When any have been so straightned in their circumstances as to need assistance, they have been in good degree relieved — most friends appear concerned to discourage that disorderly practice of marrying with those not of Our Society —

Clear of Priests wages & military matters so far as we know. —

There appears a deficiency in respect to Wills & Settling accounts attended to, gifts & Legacies applied to the the intended. —

We believe a faithful testimony is maintained on account of Slavery, and in a Labor to diſcharge their duty toward those who have been set therein. —

We trust there are none who are deficient in their promises, or that launch into trade or buſineſs beyond their abilities. —

Mostly clear reſpecting Recording, but in regard to Certificates some deficiency – some care taken therein.

We hope there is a number concerned to search & find out those that walk diſorderly, and endeavour to place judgment as best wisdom may direct. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Greenwich for Rhode Island the 4th of 4th month 1791 – The Repreſentatives to attend this meeting are for Rhode Island Elizabeth Thurston Alice Almy & Anna Green; Greenwich Hannah Arnold, Sybel Reynolds; Swanſey Sibel Shearman Mary Chace; Smithfield Lydia Wilkinſon and Hephzibah Buffum; South Kingston Mary Wilbor & Abigail Hoxie; Uxbridge Huldah Almy and Lydia Wilbor; Providence Mary Brown Betsey Harris – Repreſentatives all preſent except Mary Chace who was prevented by indiſposition of Body. — The friends appointed at our last Quarter to draw a ſummary Answer from the Answers to the Queries, preſented one ~~at~~ to this Meeting. —

which was read and approved. See the Summary following the minutes of last Qr.—

We have Received Accounts from each Monthly meeting with Answers to the Queries which were read in this meeting.— And are informed that all our meetings are continued. some not attended in all most all the monthly meetings occasiond by the deffiuelty of travelling and the severity of the weather.—

Mary Brown, Mary Robinson, Hannah Rodman, Alice Almy, Anna Harris, Sarah Hoxsie &c Mary Wilbor, are appointed ~~are appointed~~ to drew general Answers, and prepare an Account to the Yearly Meeting, and collect a Summary account from the answers to the queries & bring to the adjournment of this Meeting, the same committe to assist with the men friends in prepairing Certificates for Our friend Mary Mitchel, Elisabeth Drinker & Hannah Yerkes her companion, Hannah Barnard & Phebe Field her companion, and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting.— Greenwich sent us in their account, they had appointed Anna Greene Wife of Paul to the Station of an Elder, with the Unity of their men friends— which this and the mens meeting approves of. and Mary Mitchel is desired ~~is desired~~ to acquaint the Select Meeting thereof, and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting.—

This Meeting adjourns to the 11th hour tomorrow.—

8th day met agreeable to ~~appointment~~ adjournment, Representatives all present ~~that~~ attended Yesterday, the Committe appointed yesterday yestirday to collect a Summary account from the Answers, brought one to the adjournment of this Meeting, which was read approved and is a follows. – Meetings have been all attended, altho at times by a small number, a few meetings for worship excepted which were not attended by Women, owing to the Severity of the Weather, and difficulty of travelling. the hour pretty well observed; mostly clear of Sleeping & other unbecomming behaviour, when met.——

Love & Unity in a good degree maintained by a number in each meeting who are also concerned to guard against that pernicious practice of talebearing & the like, where Differences have arisen care hath been taken to end them. Some friends are concerned to educate their children agreable to this Query & are good examples themselves, tho others are too remiss in them important duties. the holy Scriptures are frequently read but not so publick in families when quietly convened as might be best, it appears that friends are mostly carefull~~y~~ in regard to the 4th. query. – Some care is taken respecting the circumstances of the poor & education of their children. know of none placed from among friends, most friends appear careful reſpecting the particulars mentioned in this query.- a few inſtances of admitting profeſsors of marriage contrary to Diſcipline which are under notice.- Clear so far as appears a general attention to the maintenance of our teſtimony against Slavery, and some care for the right education & encouragement of those who have been held therein, a carefulneſs reſpecting records on Certificates, pretty generally tho some deficiency in those of births & deaths is apparent - a concern appears to rest on the minds of friends to deal with offenders agreable to our Diſcipline, tho fear not without some delay & to place Judgment where it appears neceſsary. ——

The same committe appointed to prepare General Anſwers & an account to the ~~Year~~ Yearly meeting presented them to this, which were read and with some little amendment approved & signed by the Clerk, and is directed to be forwarded by our Representatives hereafter named.— We appoint Our friends Ruth Shearman, Hannah Arnold, Sarah Hoxie, Elizabeth Thurston, Hephzibah Buffum and Anna Greene to attend the Yearly Meeting.- Mary Mitchel reports she informed the Select Meeting of Anna Greene's appointment to the Station of an Elder.- We are informed from the mens-meeting that they approve of Job Chalender's publick appearance in the ministry.-

Ministry which this meeting feels Unity with. — Likewise they approve of Thomas Wilbor Junr and John Langford to the station of Elders, this meeting concurring therewith —

we are informed from the men friends they have agreed on the dividing lines between the monthly meetings which this meeting approves of — the committee appointed to assist the men friends in prepairing Certificates on behalf of Our friends Mary Mitchel, Elisabeth Drinker & her companion Hannah Yerkes, Hannah Barnard & her companion Phebe Field, & directed them to the Monthly meetings they are members of presented them to this meeting which were read approved & signed by the Clerks of both meetings. — A Certificate on behalf of Our friend Joshua Brown was handed in from the mens meeting was read approved and signed by the Clerk. —

This meeting adjourns to meet at any place the men friends may think proper. —

Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting
by Lydia Weeks Clerk —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth the 11th of the 8th mo. 1791 — The Representatives for Rhode Island are Elisabeth Chase & Sarah Robinson, Greenwich Elisabeth Johnson, Hannah Caley & Hannah Arnold, Southkingston Alice Congdon, Deborah ~~Congdon~~ Rodman, Smithfield Elisabeth E Sprague & Lydia Smith, Swanſey Patience Brayton, Hannah Chase & Mary Upton, Uxbridge Sarah Arnold & Lydia Wilbor. — Providence Lydia Arnold & Rizpah Smith, all present except Sarah Arnold whom we are informed was prevented by indiſposition — —

The Clerk being Absent Sarah Rodman is appointed Clerk this day — Accounts with Anſwers to the Queries from each Monthly meeting received & read in this, and Our friends Mary Robinson, Alice Almy & Sarah Rodman are appointed to collect therefrom a Summary of the State of Society & present to the next Quarterly meeting —

We are informed the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended it agreeable to appointment — An Epistle from Our Yearly meeting with tranſcripts of those from Philadelphia & Weſtbury, containing much excellent advice and pertinent remarks, were read in this Meeting to our ſatiſfaction, and tranſcripts of them given to the Representatives to forward to the several Monthly Meetings — An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of men friends, and extracts from the Yearly meeting minutes directing the disowning persons, who proceed in Marriage contrary to Diſcipline, were sent in from the mens meeting & read in this —

The Meeting having been favoured throughout with a Solemn covering adjourns to meet at Smithfield in the 10th mo. 11 next if the Lord permit —

Signed on behalf of Sd. Meeting
by Sarah Rodman Clerk
this day —

Summary account collected from the Anſwers 8th mo. 1791 —

Our religious meetings by the Accounts received appear to be mostly attended — some are remiſs in this important duty — not fully clear of Sleeping or other indecent behaviour — love & unity are meaſureably preserved in each Monthly meeting — tail-bearing & spreading evil reports not wholly diſcouraged; tho a number are careful therein, no complaint of open differences — some are careful to bring up their Children under the reſtraints mentioned in the 3. Query; but a remiſsneſs in others is too apparent — the Scriptures are frequently read but not so fully in a concerned manner as could be desired — A general carefulneſs in the Use of Spirituous Liquors & the other particulars of the 4th query — except in one Monthly meeting a want of temperance among the youth — A care ſubſiſts to inſpect the neceſsities of the poor. there are inſtances of keeping company on account of marriage with those not of Our Society, which are under notice — a deficiency reſpecting Wills — Our testimony against Slavery maintained, and some endeavours to encourage in virtue those under their care. —

We do not find friends are deficient in performing their promiſes, paying their just debts, or launching into buſineſs beyond their ability to manage in the truth — A care ſubſiſts reſpecting Certificates & records, and to deal

with

and to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekneſs & wisdom, & endeavours used to place Judgment where it appears neceſsary in the Authority of truth. —

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield for Rhode Island the 13th of the 10th mo. 1791— Representatives for Rhode Island Sarah Chase, Mary Sison & Elisabeth Thurston, Greenwich Freelove Harris & Margaret Spencer & Hannah Arnold. Smithfield Anna Thornton, Hannah Read & Anna King — Southkingston Sarah Hazard, Ruth Rodman, Swanſey Patience Brayton, Susannah Buffinton, Uxbridge Anna Gaskil Ruth Daniels, Providence Mary Brown Sarah Almy all present except Sarah Almy who sent a Satiſfactory reason for her abſence. —

Our friend Sarah Lundy attended this meeting with her Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Ringwood held at hardwick from the 14 to 20 of of 10 mo. 1791 expreſsive of their Unity with her making a Religious visit to friends at Nova Scotia, and some meetings in the Governments of New York & New England — she being an approved minister. — which was read to our ſatiſfaction. — The friends appointed at our last quarter, to collect a Summary Account from the Anſwers to the queries, presented one to this meeting, was read approved and is as follows — See Summary following Minutes of last Quarter. —

We have Received Accounts from each Monthly meeting with Anſwers to the Queries, and are by them informed they received the Yearly Meeting Epistle with Transcripts from Philadelphia & Long Iſland sent from Our last Quarter —

Mary Brown & Lydia Wicks are appointed to collect a Summary Account from the Anſwers to the Queries & report to Our next Quarterly meeting. — This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet in the first mo. next if permitted

Signed in said Meeting
By Lydia Wikes, Clerk

Summary for 10 mo. 1791 — Meetings for worſhip and Diſcipline have been attended by the Accounts, but not without some exception, not all together clear of Sleeping & other unbecomming behaviour. —

We find a number concerned to support that love which is the badge of true diſcipleſhip, tale bearing and the like pretty much diſcouraged, no open differences — Some friends appear engaged in rightly educating those under their care, others are deficient in that important duty, not fully clear of reading pernicious books, some heads of families good examples in plaineſs, the holy Scriptures are read; but seldom in that Solemn conceived way that would be best — generally clear reſpecting the fourth query. — The poor generally taken care of, none ~~taken~~ placed from among friends, diſorderly marriages & companykeeping mostly discouraged, & when deviations have taken place they are under notice. — the seventh Query clear as far as we know. a deficiency in regard to Wills - the other part clear except settling accounts in one Monthly Meeting. — No instance of our testimony suffering on account of Slavery & a number are concerned to encourage those that have been held therein - in a virtuous way of living—

Friends are generally clear as to performing their promises & paying their debts. —

Recording not clear. Some little deficiency respecting Certificates, which are under notice -

a number in each Monthly Meeting concerned to deal with offenders we trust in the right Authority, and these find it their duty to go forward in the work timely. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence for Rhode Island the 12th of 1st mo. 1792 — Representatives for Rhode Island Susannah Shearman, Mary Robinson, Greenwich Anna Green & Ruth Green, Smithfie[illegible] Deborah Mowry & Nancy Battey, South Kingston Dorcas Weaver, Catharine Kinyon — Swansey Patience Brayton, Hannah Chase, Uxbridge Joanna Shove & Sarah Arnold, Providence Mary Anthony & Lydia Brown. — All present except two, they sent satisfactory reasons for not attending - the friends appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to collect a summary acct, from the Answers to the Queries, presented it to this Meeting, it was read & approved ~~& is as follows~~ See Summary for 10th mo 1791 —

We have received Accounts with answers to the Queries from each Monthly meeting, which were read in this, and by them are informed, all Our Meetings are continued & generally attended except some few neglected by Women. — Sarah Wilbor and Sarah Rodman are appointed to collect a Summary account of the State of Society & bring to the adjournment of this meeting tomorrow, if it should adjourn, if not to Our next Quarterly meeting. We are informed from the mens meeting they approve of the public appearance of John Knowls, which this Meeting feels Unity with — Smithfield monthly meeting sent up in their Account they have with the Unity of the mens meeting appointed Lydia Smith to the Station of an Elder, which this & the mens Meeting ~~meeting~~ approve. — Joanna Shove is appointed to acquaint the Select Quarterly meeting thereof, and report to Our next Quarter — Lydia Wickes informs the time for which she was appointed Clerk of this meeting is expired, and she is reappointed for the year ensuing. — This Meeting adjourns to the 12th hour tomorrow. —

13th day met by Adjournment — Representatives called were all present that attended yesterday

The Committee Appointed to collect a Summary Account presented one to this meeting —

which was read approved & is as follows—

Our Meetings for Religious worship & Discipline appear to be mostly kept up, though a Sorrowful Slackness in regard thereto is apparent in many, one or two meetings have been neglected, by the Severity of Weather and one small one not so generally attended by the Women as could be desired— not wholly clear of Sleeping— love & Unity still preserved by a number; while many to regard less of its precious value appear to be wanting therein— talebearing & backbiting discouraged.—

Where any differences have arisen care has been bestowed— a remnant are concerned to bring up their Children agreable to the intent of the 3d Query, being preserved good examples themselves— pernicious Books & the corrupt conversation of the World not fully avoided— the Scriptures generally read, tho only by a small number in a Solemn convened manner.—

A general care is maintained in regard to Spirituous Liquors— not wholly clear of attending places of publick resort— moderation & temperance measurably observed— Care is taken respecting the poor, no Children placed out from among friends— Deficiencies appear in most parts of the 6th Query; but some care is generally extended— Deficient respecting Wills— Our testimony respecting ~~Wills~~ Slavery appears to be maintained, and endeavours are used to encourage in virtue those under care, who have been held therein — No complaint concerning fulfilling promises & paying just debts — respecting Certificates & Record, care is taken, and to deal with offenders duly & place Judgment where it has appeared necessary. —

Was handed in from the mens Meeting & read in this, a Certificate for Our friend David Buffum from ~~for~~ the Monthly Meeting held in Smithfield 29th of 12th mo. 1791 expressive of their Unity with him in his concern to pay a Religious visit to the people of Connecticut & parts adjacent, and a concurring indorsment which was read & had the Unity & Sympathy of this meeting, and signed by the Clerks of both meetings. —

was likewise handed in from the men and read in this meeting a Certificate on behalf of our friend Job Scott from the monthly meeting of Providence held at Smithfield 28th of 12th mo. 1791 — Certifying their unity with him in his concern to pay a religious visit to the people of the State of Conecticutt, and parts Adjacent, and a concurring indorsement which was read and had the Sympathies & unity of this, and signed by the Clerks of both this & the mens meetings — The men friends inform, that Benedict Arnold of Uxbridge Monthly meeting is appointed & approved to the Station of an Elder — which this meeting concurs with —

This Meeting concludes under a sense of divine regard & adjourns to meet at Greenwich in the fourth month next. —

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting
by Lydia Wickes Clerk

At a Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island the 12th of the 4th mo 1792

Representatives for Rhode Island are Alice Almy Sarah Chace & Mary Robinſon, Greenwich Ruth Green, Margaret Spencer, Southkingston Abigail Hoxie, Ruth Rodman - Smithfield Deborah Mowry, Ruth Arnold & Lydia Smith, Swanſey Patience Brayton & Abigail Brayton - Uxbridge Huldah Mowry, Amey Gaskill & Sarah Arnold. Providence Remember Anthony & Ruth Aplin - all present except two, they sent Satiſfactory reaſons for not attending, we have received accounts with Anſwers to the Queries from each monthly meeting, which have been read, & we are informed by them that all our meetings have been attended, except in three monthly Meetings, several Small meetings not attended by Women, occaſioned by the difficulty of travelling.—

Joanna Shove reports, She informed the Select Qrly meeting of the appointment of Lydia Smith to the Station of an Elder.—

Alice Almy, Mary Robinſon, Abigail Arnold, Sarah Hoxie, Lydia Wicks, are appointed to prepare general anſwers & an Account to the Yearly meeting, with a Summary account from the Answers to the Queries, and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting tomorrow. we appoint of Our friends Abigail Hoxie, Sibel Reynolds, Anna Green, Mary Robinson, Hannah Arnold & Lydia Wikes to attend the yearly Meeting —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 11th hour tomorrow.

13th day met by Adjournment, Representatives called all present that attended yesterday. — the Comittee appointed to prepare general Answers & an Account to the Yearly Meeting, presented them to this, which were read & had the approbation of this meeting & signed by the Clerk. —

and Our Representatives above named are directed to forward them to the yearly meeting. —

The same Committe collected a summary account & brot to the Meeting this morning — which was read & approved and is as followeth. —

Summary — Meetings for Religious worship attended by a number, except in three monthly meetings, some few small meetings have been neglected occasioned by the severity of the weather, and difficulty of travelling, and those for discipline, except one Preparative meeting which a storm, prevented friends attending, the hour generally observed mostly clear of sleeping, or other unbe~~having~~ coming behavior as assembled. — it appears there are a number who endeavor to promote love, and discourage tale bearing & evil reports, and differences, while others are to remiss in these respects — Some friends are engaged for the right education of the youth, to discourage their reading pernicious books, and to promote the reading of the holy Scriptures in their families, while a slackness in these particulars is to apparent in others — mostly clear of Spirituous liquors, Taverns and places of publick resort; moderation in good degree observed at births marriages and burials - It appears the poor are the objects of friends attention, the difficulty of obtaining suitable learning for their Children is apparent. — none placed out. —

Mostly clear of accompanying on account of Marriage with those not of our Society - generally careful to discourage disorderly marriages -

Not tried with Priests wages, bearing of Arms &c — clear of buying or selling goods suspected to be run. — Generally attentive to the inspection of affairs & Settlement of ~~affairs~~ Accounts. —

Some instances of neglect in respect to Wills,

None held in Slavery among Us, and some concerned to encourage those under their care in a virtuous life — mostly clear in the performance of promises & payment of debts, and where cause of fear has been given care is taken. —

Mostly clear in respect to records, some few deficiencies in respect to Certificates, which are under notice — Care is taken to deal with offenders, we hope in the Spirit of meekness, and a concern remains to place Judgment when it appears necessary agreable to Our discipline.

Was read in this Meeting an Epistle from the Yearly meeting held in London by adjournments from the 16th ~~of~~ to the 24th of 5th mo 1791. inclusive containing seasonable, weighty & salutary advice, which was kindly accepted. —

Uxbridge sent up in their Account, that Richmond preparative meeting has requested to be set off as a monthly meeting, this meeting has taken it into consideration, and as the men friends have not asked our assistance; but have left us at liberty to appoint a Committe to visit said meeting or not: and as we do not feel an incumbent duty on us to appoint one, we leave it to their charge. — We are informed from the mens Meeting that they have appointed a Committe to consider if any alteration is necessary in holding the quarterly meeting, and we have taken it under consideration and it is thought best to refer it to our next quarter. —

This meeting concludes under a sense of Divine love, & adjourns to meet at Portsmouth in the 8 mo if permit . Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by Lydia Wicks Clerk —

At a Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 30th 8mo 179
Representatives for Rhode Island are Elizabeth Hoy
Elizabeth Hadwen and Elizabeth Thurston, — Greenwich Elizabeth Symms, Hannah Arnold Southkingston Sarah Hazard Hannah Hoxsie Smithfield Sarah Batty Abigail Pearce and Ruth Arnold — Swansey Patience Brayton Sarah Shove Uxbridge, Phebe Mackentire Mary Handy — Providence Mary Anthony and Lydia Tillinghast —

Representatives called all present — we have received accounts from all the monthly meetings belonging to this Quarter, with answers to the Queries which have been read, we are by them informed all our meeting have been kept up —

We appoint our friends Hannah Rodman, Alice Almy, Remember Anthony and Lydia Wicks to collect a summary account of the state of Society from the answers to the Queries and bring to our next Quarterly Meeting —

An Epistle from the Yearly meeting of women friends held in Newport from the 8th of the 6th mo to the 11th of the same inclusive 1792 and a transcript of one from the Yearly meeting held in Philadelphia from the 26th day of the 9th month to the 1st day of the 10th month 1791 — both containing much excellent advice and many pertinent remarks which has been read to our and conſolation and coppies of them given to the repreſentatives to forward to the ſeveral Monthly meetings to which they belong —

The therepreſentatives appointed to attend the yearly meeting inform they attended the same — Except two the circumſtances of their families such they could not attend —

This meeting has been favored throughout with a solemn covering, under which the buſineſs has been conducted in Love, we adjourn to meet at Smithfield in the 10th month —

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting by Lydia Hicks Clerk —

Summary account collected from the anſwers 8 mo 1792 —

Our Meetings for Religious Worſhip and Diſcipline have been generally kept up since the laſt Quarter; except one instance in South Kingston, and one within the verge of Providence Monthly meeting that the women did not attend — not quite clear of drowſineſs in several meetings — Moſtly clear of other unbecoming behaviour except in Uxbridge monthly meeting some diſorder among the youth

A remnant in each meeting are preſerved in love, and unity, but it doth not so generally subſist as becomes our holy profeſsion - a care remains with many to diſcourage evil reports

no open differences since the laſt Quarter -

It appears that some friends in each monthly meeting are concern'd to bring up thoſe under their direction agreeable to the 3d query and to be good examples themſelf - but too many are defiient in theſe important reſpects -

the holy Scriptures are frequently read in many families - tho' but little in that quietly convened manner, queried after;

Not all clear of places of public reſort - but there appears a care on that account; and general clearneſs reſpecting the other particulars Mentioned in the 4th query -

From accounts recieved where there is poor friends that needs aſsiſtance, care is taken to relieve their neceſsities, & aſsiſt them in learning

None placed from among friends

Some friends are careful in regard to the 6th query while others defiient in thoſe reſpects - not all clear of accompanying on account of marriage with thoſe not of our Society - where care is bestowed - The seventh & eighth answers clear as far as appears except some defiiency reſpecting Wills - Believe a care subſists to maintain our Teſtimony againſt slavery - and some are concerned to encourage in virtue thoſe under their Care ——

No breach of the tenth query appears by the answers —

Not wholly clear respecting Records or certificates but some care is taken on thoſe accounts —

A general care remains to deal with offenders and to place judgement when neceſsary according to our Diſcipline

At a Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield for Rhode Island 11th of 10th mo 1792

Repreſentatives for Rhode Island are Sarah Fowler Susannah Sherman & Elizabeth Hadwen

Greenwich Abigail Greene Freelove Harris

Southkingston Sarah Wilbur Sarah Hazard —

Smithfield Elizabeth Arnold Elizabeth Jilſon

Swanſey Pantharnia Buffinton Elizabeth Chaſe and Mary Earl — Uxbridge Rachel Baſset Mary Emerſon — Providence Mary Greene Abigail Harris ——

Repreſentatives all preſent except Elizabeth Hadwen She sent a ſatiſfactory reaſon for not attending

The committee appointed at our laſt Quarter to collect a summary account from the anſwers to the Queries preſented it to this meeting it was read approved and is as followeth —

We have received acounts with anſwers to the Queries from each monthly meeting which have been read in this and we are by the accounts informed they received the laſt Yearly meeting Epiſtle with a tranſcript of one from Philadelphia sent from our laſt Quarter —

(147) Lydia Brown and Lydia Wicks are appointed to collect a summary account from the answers to the Queries & present to our next Quarterly meeting

Was handed from the mens meeting & read in this a Certificate on behalf of our beloved friend Job Scott from the monthly meeting of Providence held the 26th day of the 9th mo 1792 expressive of his prospect to pay a religious visit to friends in England Ireland and parts adjacent he being a minister in good esteem with us, this meeting feeling a near Sisterly sympathy with him concurs therewith ——

This meeting adjourns to the 11th hour tomorrow — Sixth day the 12th met agreeable to adjournment -- Representatives called all present that attended Yesterday ——

Was handed by the men friends & read in this meeting a concurring Certificate for our beloved frid Job Scott from the Quarterly meeting held in Smithfield the 11th & 12th of the 10th 1792 Certifying their sympathy and Unity with him in his concern to pay a religious visit in England Ireland & some other parts as truth may open the way, he being a Minister in good esteem which this meeting feelingly unites with and the clerk is directed to sign the same ——

Was read in this meeting a report of a committee of men friends that was appointed to visit the preparative meeting of Richmond & Uxbridge monthly meeting in consequence of a request of said preparative meeting being set off as a monthly meeting which is granted for one year we concurring with the mens meeting therein

and appoint our friends Hannah Reed Elizabeth 148
Sprague Sarah Holder Anna Wheeler Elizabeth Farnum Elice Sprague Deborah Mowry Sarah Arnold & Lydia Wilbur to join the men friends in visiting the said meeting & report to the Quarterly meeting in the tenth month next—

This meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at Providence in the first month if permitted

Signed in & on behalf
of the meeting by
Lydia Wicks Clerk

A Summary account collected from the answers 10th mo 1792.

1st Meetings for worship & discipline by accounts received have been attended altho a slackness appears in some in ~~[illegible]~~ the attendance of midweek meetings, the hour mostly observed except in two monthly meetings no particular account given — Clear of sleeping one meeting excepted — mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour

We find a remnant in each meeting concern'd to support that love inquired after and to suppress that pernicious practice of lightly esteeming each other — no open differences Some friends appear engaged to bring up those placed under their care agreeable to the requirings of the third Query others neglect that weighty charge — not quite clear of corrupt converſation & pernicious books — the holy Scriptures read in our families but few in the practice of reading in the manner Queried after

Clear in the 4th Query except in one meeting not clear of places of public reſort ——

The poor generally taken care of none placed from among friends ——

Some friends are careful in regard to the 6th Query - Others deficient in that important duty a complaint in almoſt all the monthly meetings of diſorderly company keeping which is under the notice of friends ——

The seventh Query clear - the eighth clear except Wills ——

—— We believe an increaſing care reſts on the minds of friends to support our teſtimony againſt slavery —— no complaint of any deficiency in the tenth Query ——

Not clear as to records and Certificates care is extended on that account ——

Some in each meeting concerned to labour with offenders in the right line theſe find it their duty to go forward in the work timely without delay ——

At a Quarterly meeting of Women held at Providence for Rhode Island the 10th 5th mo 179

Representatives for Rhode Island are Sarah Chase Susannah Barker & Sarah Rodman
Greenwich Hannah Arnold Abigail Greene
Southkingston Ruth Rodman Hannah Hoxsie
Smithfield Elizabeth Sprague Elizabeth Smith and Mehitable Allen — Swanzey Patience Brayton Martha Chase Uxbridge Amey Gaskill Sarah Arnold Providence Mary Anthony Lydia Brown Richmond Margaret Wing Beulah Sabins —

Representatives all present except four Beulah Sabins sent a satisfactory reason for not attending and this meeting is informed Susannah Barker was prevented by indisposition of body — The friends appointed at our last Quarter to collect a summary account from the answers brought it to this meeting it was read & with some little alteration approved & is as followeth

We have received accounts with answers to the Queries from all the monthly meetings belonging to this Quarter which have been read and we are by them informed most of our meetings have been kept up since the last Quarter

We appoint our friends Sarah Rodman & Lydia Wicks to collect a summary account from the answers & present to the adjournment of this meeting if it is thought best to adjourn if not to our next Quarterly meeting

151 Lydia Wicks informs the time for which she was appointed Clerk to this meeting is expired & she is reappointed for the year enſuing

This meeting concludes under a renewed sense of the Fathers love and adjourns to meet at Greenwich in the 4th mo if permitted

Signed in & on behalf of the meeting
By Lydia Wicks Clk

A Summary account collected from the anſwers firſt month 1793 —

Meetings for worship & diſcipline have all been attended except in one monthly meeting three omitted on account of the weather a care ſubſiſts to guard againſt sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour — Love & unity are meaſurably preſerved by a number who endeavour to ſuppreſs evil reports — no open differences — many friends endeavour to educate their children in plainneſs & a conduct conſiſtent therewith — no complaint of pernicious books — the scriptures not generally read in the solemn manner enjoined by this Query — clear of uſeing spirituous liquors to exceſs — clear of taverns one instance of attending a place of divertion wherein care was taken a degree of moderation & temperance is preſerved reſpecting the other branches of this Query care is taken to relieve the neceſsities of the poor — no children placed from among friends Some friends are careful in the several parts of sixth Query while others remain remiſs — one inſtance of keeping company contrary thereto which is under notice — 7th & 8th Queries clear excepting wills — friends are engaged to maintain our teſtimony againſt slavery & many endeavour to encourage in virtue thoſe under their care — generally careful reſpecting records — moſtly clear in regard to Certificates — Care is taken to deal seasonably with offenders & to place judgement accordingly where it appears neceſsary —

## At a Quarterly meeting of Women held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island the 11th of the 4th mo 1793 —

Repreſentatives for Rhode Island are Suſannah Barker Sarah Chaſe & Mary Robinſon Greenwich Hannah Arnold Ruth Langford Southkingston Sarah Wilbur Thankful Dye Smithfield Elizabeth Gillson Mary Batty & Sarah Bartlett Swanzey Abigail Lawton Susannah Austin Uxbridge Lydia Wilbur Phebe Hackentin Providence Mary Anthony Mary Greene & Sarah Steer —

Repreſentatives all preſent excepting four Sarah Bartlett sent a satisfactory reaſon for not attending Thankful Dye Abigail Lawton and Suſannah Auſtin have sent no reaſon why they did not attend —

Margaret Wing & Mehitable Allen informs sickness in their families prevented their attending our last Quarterly meeting

We have received from Richmond Monthly meeting an account with answers to the Queries forwarded by Comfort Allen & Rhoda Barrett who were appointed for that purpose the travelling difficult no representatives appointed from that meeting to attend this

The friends appointed at our last Quarter to collect a summary account from the answers to the Queries presented it to this meeting it was read approved & is as followeth

We have received accounts from the several monthly meetings with answers to the Queries which have been read us we are by them informed all our meetings are continued some few not attended by women in four monthly meetings the weather & travelling such prevented their attending

Mary Robinson Hannah Rodman Lydia Arnold Sarah Hoxsie Mary Anthony & Lydia Wicks are appointed to draw general answers & prepare an account to the yearly meeting with a summary account from the answers to the Queries & bring to the adjournment of this meeting tomorrow

We appoint our friends Hannah Arnold Lydia Wilbur Hannah Carl Abigail Greene Sarah Chase & Mary Robinson to attend the Yearly meeting

This meeting adjourns to the 11 hour tomorrow

12 day met by adjournment Representatives
called all present that attended yesterday
The committee appointed yesterday to draw general
answers & prepare an account to the yearly meeting
presented them to the meeting this morning
which was read approved & signed by the Clerk
& our representatives are directed to forward them
to the yearly meeting ——

The same committee presented a summary
account collected from the answers it was read
approved & is as followeth ——

We are informed from the mens meeting that
they have concluded on an alteration in holding
the Quarterly meeting
that Quarter that has been held at Providence
in the first month to be held at Swanzey we
concurring there with ——

This meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at
Portsmouth in the 8th mo if permitted

Signed in & on behalf of the meeting

By Lydia Wicks Clk

Summary account collected from the answers
4th mo 1793 ——

Our religious meetings have been kept up & duly
attended by a number but a slackness appears in
some respecting that important duty - pretty
clear of unbecoming behaviour - Love & unity
measurably maintain'd but not so fully by all
our members as would be consistant with our
profession - tale baring & backbiting not wholly

diſcouraged tho' a remnant are concern'd for the ſuppreſsion thereof — We believe a concern to educate children in the plainneſs required or to be good examples therein is not enough attended too by many — Some monthly meetings appear to be clear of pernicious books, & a number are concern'd in moſt to promote the reading of the scripture — The exceſsive uſe of spirituous liquors pretty generally avoided — Not quite clear of places of public reſort — A care is maintain'd reſpecting the poor — yet we find one child in two monthly meetings placed out the parent of one is not a member — Not fully clear of keeping company on account of marriage contrary to our Diſcipline — or reſpecting wills — our teſtamony in a good degree preſerv'd in performing promiſes & paying our juſt debts —
there appears to be an increaſing care about records — deficient in wills in one or two inſtances judgement pretty generally placed when it hath appeared neceſsary —

## At a Quarterly meeting of Women held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 8th of 8th mo 1793 —

Repreſentatives for Rhode Island are Sarah Robinſon Ruth Shearman & Elizabeth Hosier Greenwich Margaret Spencer Sarah Knowls and Lydia Wicks South Kingston Alice Knowls Ruth Rodman Smithfield Patience Wall Zerviah Heer Swanzey Elizabeth Chace Mary Earl Uxbridge Phebe Mackentire Sarah Arnold and Lucy Greene Providence Lydia Wilkinſon

Rispah Hunt & Lydia Arnold Richmond Sarah Buffum

all present Except three. Margaret Spencer & Lydia Wilkinson sent satisfactory reasons for not attending Sarah Buffum has sent no reason why she did not attend - Abigail Lawton and Susannah Austin sent a satisfactory excuse for not attending our last Quarterly Meeting

We have received accounts with answers to the Queries from all the monthly meetings belonging to this Quarter which have been read up we are by them informed all our meetings have been kept up excepting some few in Providence monthly meeting to which meeting but few friends belong —

The friends appointed at our last Quarter to attend the yearly meeting inform they attended agreeable to appointment except Hannah Earl & presented a Epistle from our Yearly meeting of Women friends held in the 6th mo last & transcripts of those from Philadelphia & Long Island containing much excellent advice & many pertinent remarks which have been read to our mutual refreshment and copies of them given to the Representatives to forward to the several monthly meetings to which they belong — Sarah Arnold & Lydia Wicks are appointed to draw a summary account as exhibited in the answers to the Queries & bring to our next Quarterly Meeting —

This meeting concludes under a renewed sense of Divine regard & adjourns to meet at Smithfield in the 10th mo if permitted

Signed in & on behalf of sd meeting by
Lydia Wicks Clerk

# Summary account

By accounts received from each monthly meeting we find a number are concerned to attend all our meetings at the hour appointed, & tho' a remissness appears in some. they have all been kept up since the last Quarter, no wholly clear of sleeping. no account of other unbecoming behaviour

Love & Unity are in a good degree maintain'd, but a deficiency is observable, as Talebearing & Backbiting are not wholly discountenanced

No open differences

Many parents are careful to educate their children in plainness, & to encourage their reading the scriptures, & profitable books; but all are not attentive to these important concerns

The fourth answer mostly clear. a care remains to inspect the necessities of the poor. & they are measurably relieved — Some instances of keeping company on account of Marriage with those not of our Society in several monthly meetings —

Not wholly clear respecting Wills —

One matter unsettled within the bounds of the tenth Query, under the care of the monthly meeting

Not wholly clear respecting Certificates

A general care subsists to deal with offenders, and to place judgement when it appears necessary

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield the for Rhode Island the 10th of the 10th mo. 1793 —

Representatives for Rhode Island are Hepzibah Buffum, Rebecca Almy & Sarah Fowler for Greenwich Ruth Langford, Hannah Arnold & Anna Green — Southkingston Sarah Wilbor, Alice Congdon, Smithfield Anna Thornton, Lydia Smith Uxbridge Eunice Potter, Thankful Battey — Providence Mary Brown, Mary Anthony & Lydia Arnold — Richmond Susanna Harkness, Amey Handy — All present except Mary Brown & Amey Handy — Mary Brown Informs Indisposition of body prevents her attending — Amey Handy sent no reason why she did not attend. —— The friends Appointed at last Quarterly Meeting to draw a Summary Account presented One to this Meeting which was read approved & follows the Minutes of this Meeting — We Recd Accounts with Answers to the Queries from each Monthly Meeting which been read & acknowledgements of the Receipts of the Transcripts of the Epistles sent from Our last Quarter — Several Monthly Meetings mention their attention to the Advice of Our last Yearly Meeting respecting a revival of concern for the poor — The Account with Answers from Swanzey Monthly Meeting has been received, forwarded by Elisabeth Chace & Mary Earl, who were appointed for that purpose — no Representatives appearing for that Meeting — Lydia Arnold & Mary Anthony are Appointed to collect a Summary

Account from the Answers to the Queries are bring to the Quarterly Meeting in the 4th mo. the Committee Appointed to visit the Monthly Meeting of Richmond are not ready to Report, and it is continued under the care of the same Committee to report to Our next Quarter — a Certificate on behalf of Our Esteemed Friend Sarah Talbut was prepared and with Unity of the Mens meeting approved and signed by the Clerk. —

This Meeting concludes & Adjourns to meet at Swansey in the 1st mo. if permitted. —

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting
by Lydia Wicks Clk.

## Summary

Ansr. 1st. Meetings for Worship & Discipline have all been attended, except some bud in one Monthly Meeting - the hour observed. some complaint of sleeping, and unnecessary going out of Meetings for Discipline in two Meetings - clear of other unbecomming behavior —

2nd. A number in each meeting concerned to support that love as queried after, and endeavour to suppress evil reports - no Differences. —

3d. Some friends Appear concerned to educate their Children & those under their care in plainness & a conduct consistant therewith - no complaint of reading pernicious books - the Scriptures frequently read in friend families -

4th. Friend are careful in respect to the too frequent Use of Spirituous Liquors, & unnecessary frequenting taverns - mostly clear of places of publick resort - a degree of moderation is obſerved reſpecting the other branches of this Query.——

5th. No complaint in regard to the 5 query.——

6th. A complaint in almoſt all the Monthly Meetings of diſorderly company-keeping, which is under notice — One married out of Unity. are taken on that account.——

7th & 8th Queries clear except Wills — Clear of holding any in Slavery, and many appear engaged in the account of them that have been held therein— clear, except one inſtance of being too much cumbered with buſineſs - generally careful in regard to Records — Certificates not clear, for which deficiency care is taken. — A care remains to deal with offenders in the right line, & judgment has been placed where it appeared neceſsary.——

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Summerſett formerly Swanſey for Rhode Iſland the 9th of the firſt mo. 1794.—

Repreſentatives for Rhode Iſland are Anna Durfee, Anna Chaſe, Greenwich, Eliſabeth Spencer, Hannah Arnold, & Lydia Wicks.— South Kingston Mary Collins, Sarah Wilbor— Smithfield. Eliſabeth Sprague, Deborah Mowry & Eliſabeth Smith — Swanſey, Sibel Shearman, Sarah Purrington, and Abigail Lawton— Uxbridge. Amey Gaſkill, Lydia Smith — Providence. Rachel Arnold. Remember Anthony— Richmond, Sarah Buffum, Joanna Twithel, All preſent except Sarah Wilbor, Deborah Mowry, Eliſabeth Smith, Sarah Buffum, And Joanna Switchel, all these sent satisfactory reasons for not attending, except Sarah Buffum, we have not been informed why She did not attend—

We have received from each Monthly Meeting an Account, with Answers to the Queries which have been read— We are informed by them Our Meetings are all continued, excepting two meeting days, no Women attended by reason of the Severity of the Weather.

Remember Anthony & Lydia Wiks are Appointed to collect a Summery Account of the State of Society & bring to our next Quarterly Meeting—

The Committee Appointed to visit the Monthly Meeting of Richmond, report they have at different times Attended said Meeting, and are of opinion it is best to continue it, which report is accepted by the Mens Meeting, we Uniting therein— Lydia Wiks informs, the time for which she was Appointed to write for this Meeting is expired, and she is reappointed Clerk for the Year insuing—

This Meeting concludes under a renewed sense of heavenly regard, and Adjourns to meet at Greenwich in the 4th mo. next if permitted—

Signed in & on behalf of the
Meeting by Lydia Wiks Clk

Summary from 10th mo. Answers—

Meetings for Worship & Discipline all kept up, tho' some of them often small, especially midweek meetings—

The hour pretty well obſerved, & ſome complaint of Sleeping in Meetings, other indecencies generally clear – It Appears that Unity is meaſureably maintained; but not So fully as becomes the followers of Christ – Some are concern'd to diſcourage tail-bearing &c –

A number are concerned in each Meeting to example & bring up those under their Care in plainneſs; while ſome others appear deficient on that Account – the Scriptures generally read in friends families. ——

Generally careful as to the too frequent Use of Spirituous Liquors – In three Monthly Meetg not clear of public reſort. ——

Moſtly careful in the fifth Query. ——

Some complaint in moſt of the Monthly Meetings reſpecting diſorderly company keeping. —— In the 7th & 8th Queries moſtly careful ~~moſtly~~ to preſerve Our Teſtimony ——

Clear in regard to Slaves – The tenth Query generally clear —— A care remains with friends in regard to the Eleventh query, a few inſtances excepted reſpecting records & Certificates in Several Monthly Meetings –

It appears that a care remains to deal with offenders, (tho' not without ſome delay) and to place Judgment According to Our Diſcipline –

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Greenwich for Rhode Iſland the 10th of the 4th Month 1794. ——

Repreſentatives for Rhode Iſland are

Sarah –

163 Sarah Fowler, Rebecca Almy & Ruth Spencer — Greenwich, Ruth Langford, Anna Greene & Margaret Spencer — Southkingston, Mary Knowls — Smithfield, Deborah Mowry, Eliſabeth Gillſon — Swanſey or Summerſett, Hannah Chace & Abigail Lawton — Uxbridge, Sarah Arnold & Lucy Greene — Providence Mary Brown, Hepſibah Harris & Phebe Lockwood — Which being called are all preſent —

The friends Appointed at our Quarterly Meetings in the 10 & 1 mo. laſt to prepare Summary Accounts preſented them to this meeting, Which have been read & approved. ——

Rhode Iſland Monthly Meeting sent up in their Account, that their Meeting of Miniſters and Elders approves of the Publick appearance in the Miniſtry of Anna Green Daughter of Joſeph — And alſo of Abigail Robinſon, Which had their approbation — We have taken a deliberate conſideration thereon, and with the concurrence of the Mens Meeting feelingly unite & approve of their appearances in the Miniſtry. —— Mary Mitchel is deſired to acquaint the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof, and report to the Adjournment of this Meeting tomorrow. — We have Received Acct, and Anſwers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarte which have been read, and we are by them informed our meetings are continued, one Preparative Meeting not attended by reaſon of the Severity of the Weather — The Monthly Meeting of Richmond forwarded to Us their Acct are Anſwers to the Queries, the diſtance being conſiderable & travelling difficult, no Re-preſentatives appointed at that Meeting to attend this — Mary Brown, Abigail Lawton, Rebecca Almy, Hannah Arnold, Lydia Smith & Lydia Wicks are appointed to prepare general Anſwers and An Account to the Yearly Meeting, with a Summary Account & bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting tomorrow — We appoint Our friends Hannah Arnold, Mary Brown, Sarah Fowler, Deborah Green & Ruth Langford, to attend the next Yearly Meeting. —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 11th hour tomorrow —

11th day met agreable to adjournment —

The Committee appointed yesterday to collect a Summary Account, brot it to this Meeting, which was read & approved

The ſame Committee preſented general Anſwers & the Account, which was read and with some alteration of the Account approved & Signed by the Clerk, and Our Repreſentatives are directed to forward them to the Yearly Meeting —

Mary Mitchel reports, She informed the Select Meeting, that the publick appearance in the Miniſtry of Anna Green & Abigail Robinſon was approved. — This Meeting concludes under a living sense of Divine favour, & Adjourns to meet at Portsmouth in the 8th mo., if permitted —

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting
by Lydia Wicks

Summary from 1st mo. Answers. —

Meetings for Worship & Discipline have all been attended except one, tho' there has been two that Women have not attended, being prevented by very stormy weather. the hour observed. some complaint of sleeping, and unnecessary going out of Meetings of Discipline — clear of other unbecoming behaviour. — A number in each meeting engaged to support that love queried after, and endeavour to suppress evil reports — no differences — Some friends are concerned to educate their Children & those under their care in plainness of dress & address. others do not appear to feel the necessary weight of the testimony — clear of pernicious books — the Scriptures frequently read in friends families. no complaint in the 4th query, excepting an instance of attending a place of publick sport the circumstances of the poor have been inspected, and their necessities measureably relieved. Several instances of keeping company with those not of Our Society, which are under friends notice — 7th & 8th query clear excepting Bills — We find Our testimony not ſuffered on Account of Slavery — no breach in the 10th Query — moſtly clear as to records — some deficiency in regard to Certificates, care taken — a concern remains to deal with offenders in the right line — and judgment has been placed where it appeared neceſsary —

N.B. The Summaries coming now to the Recorder in order of time, they follow the Meetings they belong to.

Summary from 4th mo. Anſwers. —

1st Our Meetings for worſhip & Diſcipline have been kept up, and attended by moſt of our Members, except two ſmall Meetings occaſioned by the severity of the weather — the hour pretty well obſerved. moſtly clear of ſleeping or other unbecomming behaviour.

2nd It appears that love & Unity are meaſureably maintained among Us, tho not so generally as is deſired — tailbearing &c not enough diſcouraged. no open differences —

3. There are some among us who endeavour to bring up those under their care according to this query; but some others are too remiſs, both in care & example in them reſpects — the Scriptures are read Audibly in some friends families, but a deficiency in others in this reſpect —

4th We think friends are generally careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors except except for medicine, not altogether clear as to Taverns & places of publick resort, a conſiderable degree of moderation is obſerved at births, marriages, burials, & other like occaſions. —

5th The circumſtances of the poor in good degree inſpected & they relieved — none placed from among friends, that we know of —

6th not fully clear of keeping company out of Society, of which care is taken — two inſtances of marrying out — not fully clear in regard to Wills — dont find that our Teſtimony has Suffered, on the Account of Slavery — One Inſtance of being too much incumbered with buſineſs — generally careful in regard to Certificates — Some deficiency in regard to Records — there Appears a care to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekneſs, tho' not without some delay. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Iſland the 7th of the 8th mo. 1794 —

Repreſentatives — for Rhode Iſland are Eliſabeth Hoſier, Eliſabeth Thurſton & Sarah Burden — Greenwich Freelove Harris, Hannah Arnold, and Amy Spencer — Southkingston Avice Knowls, Sarah Wilbor — Smithfield Deborah Mowry & Sarah Bartlet —

Swanſey Hannah Chace & Eliſabeth Slead — Uxbridge Rachel Baſset, Iſabel Chace. Providence Mary Lapham. Mary Anthony and Riſpah Hunt — being called all anſwered to their names, except Eliſabeth Thurſton, ſhe has not sent information why ſhe did not attend — We have received Accounts with Anſwers to the Queries, from each Monthly meeting. which have been read, we are by them informed, all our Meetings are attended — the monthly meeting of Richmond sent up their Account, & Anſwers. the diſtance & Season being such, no Representatives were appointed at that Meeting to attend this. Anna Green & Lydia Wicks are appointed to collect a Summary Account from the Anſwers to the queries & present to our next Quarterly Meeting — An Epistle from our yearly Meeting held in the 6th mo. laſt and tranſcripts of those from Philadelphia and New York. containing much Salutary advice, and pertinent remarks, which have been read to our refreſhment — Eliſabeth Mott & Sarah Robinſon are appointed to take the care of tranſcribing said Epiſtles for the Monthly Meetings and send them to Our next Quarterly Meeting —

The friends Appointed at Our laſt Quarter to attend the yearly Meeting, inform, they attended the several sittings thereof. — This Meeting concludes under a living sense of divine regard & adjourns to meet at Smithfield in the 10th mo. if permitted. —

## Summary from 8th mo. Anſwers —

1st Our Meetings for Worſhip & Diſcipline all kept up, and generally attended by a considerable number of members, except some midweek meetings which are small, and one small meeting sometimes not attended — the hour pretty well obſerved, by those that attend — drowſineſs appears in some at times — pretty clear of other Indecencys —

2d. Love & Unity in some degree ſubſiſts in all Our Meetings, but not so fully as becomes the followers of Chriſt — Tailbearing not sufficiently diſcouraged — no differences. —

3d. It appears in all Our Meetings, that some friends are careful to bring up those under their care according to that Query, while others are too remiſs therein both in care & example, the holy Scriptures audibly read in some families. —

4th. Friends generally clear of the frequent Use of Spirituous liquors, and places of public resort a good degree of moderation is obſerved at marriages, burials, & other like occaſions. —

5th The circumſtances of the poor have been inſpected & some relief afforded — none placed out. —

6. Parents & Guardians appear careful to diſcountenance diſorderly company keeping; yet there are Inſtances of it with those not of Our Society, in which care is taken. —

7 Nothing appears but the teſtimony in maintained in the whole of this query. —

8 A ſhortneſs in reſpect to Wills. other parts clear. —

9 Do not find Our Teſtimony has ſuffered on Account of Slavery. —

10 Nothing appears but friends are careful in the whole of this Query —

11 Not quite clear in Recording & Certificates —

12 There is a care to deal with offenders, but not without some delay, yet judgment hath been placed where it appeared neceſsary. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield the 9th of the 10th Month 1794 —

Repreſentatives. for Rhode Iſland are Eliſabeth Hadwin, Sarah Fowler & Eliſabeth Thurſton — Greenwich, Hannah Arnold, & Ruth Langford — Southkingston Deborah Rodman, Mary Peckam, Smithfield Anna Wing, Alice Sprague and Eliſabeth Arnold. Swanſey Suſanna Auſtin, Mary Earl & Mary Upton — Uxbridge. Huldah Mowry & Joanna Shove. Providence Mary Green, Hepzibah Harris, and Lydia Arnold — Richmond Suſanna Harkneſs and Sarah Buffum. —

The Representatives being called are all present, except Mary Green who has not sent any reason for her nonattendance – Elisabeth Thurston informs the reason of her not attending Our last Quarterly Meeting, was that she attended the funeral of her Father-in-law —

The friends appointed at Our last Quarter to draw a Summary Account, presented it to this Meeting, which has been read and approved. —

We have Received Accounts with Answers to the queries from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this quarter, and are by them informed, ~~that~~ all Our Meetings are continued, one not attended by Women, occasioned by rain —

The Committee appointed at Our last Quarterly Meeting to take the care of transcribing the Epistles has sent them to this Meeting, and the Representatives are directed to forward them to the several Monthly Meetings to which they belong. —

Smithfield Monthly sent up in their Acct. that they with the approbation of their mens Meeting appoint Anna Thornton to the Station of an Elder, we have taken a weighty consideration thereon, & with the concurrence of the mens meeting, approve of said appointment, and Ruth Shearman is directed to acquaint the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof, and report to Our next quarter. —

The men friends inform that Rufus Smith is Appointed, and approved to the Station of an Elder. — We uniting with them therein. — We are informed from the mens Meeting, that Greenwich Monthly

Meeting has appointed Eliſha Harris and Sylvester Wicks to the Station of Elders, which they approve of, we concurring with them therein — Lydia Arnold & Remember Anthony are appointed to collect a Summary account from the Anſwers to the Queries & preſent to Our next Quarterly Meeting.—

This Meeting concludes under a Sense of the continuation of Divine regard extended to Us at this time, and Adjourns to meet at Swanſey in the 1st mo. if permitted.—

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting
by — — Lydia Wicks Clerk—

## Summary

1st Our Meetings for Worſhip & Diſcipline all kept up, & duely attended by a conſiderable number of Our members, except one meeting not attended by Women, oweing to the inclemency of the Weather— a Slackneſs in attending midweek Meetings— the hour moſtly obſerved by those that do attend— a few overtaken with sleep at times, pretty clear of other indecencies

2d. Love & Unity generally maintained, tho not so fully as becomes the followers of Chriſt.— Some care taken to diſcourage tailbearing &c— and alſo to end differences—

3d. It appears in each Meeting that some friends are concerned for a right education of those under their care; altho conſiderable deficiency appears in others, both in example & precept — The Scriptures read in in friends families and frequently Audibly —

4th Friends generally careful in regard to the Use of Spirituous Liquors — two instances of attending places of publick resort, care taken

5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected, and they measureably relieved — none placed ~~out~~ from among friends. —

6th Several Instances of Company keeping on Acct. of Marriage, care taken — friends generally careful to discountenance disorderly Marriages —

7th Our testimony pretty well maintained in the whole of this query. —

8th Considerable deficiency in respect to Wills, the other parts Clear —

9th Our Testimony pretty well maintained in regard to holding mankind in Slavery —

10th It appears that friends are generally careful in the whole of this query. —

11th Some deficiency in recording, and Certificates not clear. —

12th It appears there remains a care in each Meeting to deal with Offenders, but not without some delay, and that judgment has been placed where it appeared necessary —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Somerset for Rhode Island the 8th of the first Month 1795. —

Representatives - For Rhode Island are Susanna Barker, Anna Chase & Hannah Mott - Greenwich Freelove Harris, Lydia Wicks - Southkingston Avis Knowls, and Sarah Hoxsie - Smithfield Lydia Smith, Elisabeth Arnold & Elisabeth Smith - Swansey, Hannah Chase, Phebe Chase & Dorcas Mead - Uxbridge Sarah Arnold & Lucy Green - Providence Mary ~~[illegible]~~ Brown, & Mary Anthony - Richmond Bulah Saben & Susanna Gorton - who being called are all present except Hannah Mott, Elisabeth Arnold, Sarah Arnold, Mary Brown, & Bulah Saben. the two last mentioned friends have sent satisfactory reasons for not attending - The friends appointed at our last quarterly meeting to draw a Summary account, sent it to this Meeting, which has been read & approved -

We have Received Accounts with Answers to the queries from all the monthly Meetings belonging to this quarter, which have been read & some pertinent remarks made thereon -

Sarah Howland & Lydia Wicks are appointed to collect a Summary of the State of Society from said answers & present to our next Quarterly Meeting - Our ~~friend~~ esteemed friend Rebecca Wright attended this meeting, and produced a Certificate from the monthly meeting held at ~~the~~ Upper Springfield in New Jersey the 5th of 11th mo 1794 - Certifying their Unity with her paying a religious visit to some of the meetings in these parts. She being an Approved Minister, which has been read to our satisfaction -

Ruth Sherman reports she has informed

the Select Quarterly meeting, that Anna Thornton was approved to the station of an Elder.— Southkingston Monthly meeting sent us in their Account, that they had appointed Alice Congdon to the place of an Elder. one of their Repreſentatives informs they had the Unity of the mens meeting therein— We approve of said Appointment, the Quarterly meeting of men friends concurring with us. And Hepzibah Buffum is directed to acquaint the Select quarterly meeting thereof, and report to the Adjournment of this tomorrow.——

The time for which the Clerk was appointed is expired, and Lydia Wicks is reappointed for the year ensuing——

This meeting Adjourns to the 11th hour tomorrow.—

9th day met by adjournment.——

The Repreſentatives being called are all preſent that attended yesterday.——

We are informed from the Mens Meeting that Elihu Bowen Junior of Providence Monthly meeting is Appointed & approved to the Station of an Elder we Uniting with them therein.—

Was handed in from the mens meeting a Certificate on behalf of Our beloved Friend Job Scott, from the half years meeting held in Dublin the 31st of the 10th mo 1793— Signifying their fellowſhip & Unity with his Goſpel labours. he having visited moſt or all the meetings in that Nation— the forementioned Certificate was read to

Our Select satisfaction. —

A Certificate on behalf of Our Esteemed Friend Joshua Evens from the Quarterly Meeting of Men friends held at Summersett for Rhode Islan the 8th & 9th of the 11th mo. 1795 directed to the monthly Meeting of Hadonfield New Jersey, was read in this Meeting, which we feeling approve of. — and the Clerk is directed to sign the sa

Hepzibah Buffum informs us, she has not acquainted the Select Meeting, that the appoinment of Alice Congdon was approved it is continued under her care to perform at Our next Quarterly Meeting —

We have been favoured with the company of Our Esteemed Friend Martha Routh from Europe, whose labours in the ministry & Dissipline has been edifying & Strengthning to Our minds. —

Through Omission her Certificate was left at Bedford. —

This Meeting concludes under a living extension of divine favour & adjourns to meet at Greenwich in the 4th mo. if permitted —

Signed in & on behalf of the
Meeting by Lydia Wicks Clerk —

## Summary. —

Meetings for Worship & those on first days, and for Dissipline attended, except some few not attended by Women, on account of Stormy weather midweek meetings small, the hour not so well attended to, in some meetings a complaint of Sleeping, and the unnecessary going in & out of Meetings of Discipline. —

Love & unity is measureably preserved by a number in each Meeting, who are concerned to suppress evil reports & no differences. —

A degree of care subsists with most friends to educate their Children in plainness, and a conduct consistant therewith; yet a complaint in allmost all Our Answers is apparent, — mostly clear of pernicious books — the Scriptures read in most families as queried. —

A care remains with friends to observe the particulars of the fourth query. —

The circumstances of the poor have been inspected, and some relief afforded — none placed out —

Some few instances of disorderly company-keeping, care taken — the 7 & 8 queries clear except Will, —

We think Our testimony has not suffered on account of Slaves — some care taken to encourage those that have been held in Slavery. —

Clear in the tenth query — a Shortness in recording — some deficiency in regard to Certificates which is under notice. —

Care is taken to deal with offenders, & judgment has been placed agreeable to Our Discipline

At Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Greenwich for Rhode Island the 9th of the 4 mo 1795. the Representatives named in the accounts, are, For Rhode Island, Sarah Fowler, Elisabeth Cornell & Hannah Dennis — Greenwich Mary Spencer, Deborah Green — Southkingston Sarah Wilbor, Avis Knowles — Smithfield Elisabeth Sprague Deborah Mowry & Ruth Arnold — Swansey Elisabeth Chace, Mary Earl & Abigail Lawton — Uxbridge Lydia Smith & Huldah Mowry — Providence Mary Brown, Phebe Lockwood & Remember Anthony — Richmond none. — Who being called are all present — Susanna Gorton sent a satisfactory reason for not attending. Our last Quarterly Meeting — The friends Appointed at Our last Quarter to collect a Summary account presented one to this Meeting, it was read & approved. —

Hepzibah Buffum reports the Select Quarterly Meeting has been informed of the Appointment of Alice Congdon to the Station of an Elder. — Accounts with Answers to the Queries have been presented to this Meeting & was read, by them we are informed Our meetings are all kept up, some meetings not attended by Women, by reason of severe weather & Sickness. — Accounts & Answers to the Queries from Richmond Monthly Meeting was forwarded to Us by the Representative to the mens meeting — there being none appointed from that meeting to this. —

We appoint Our friends Mary Brown, Elisabeth Smith

179). Abigail Lawton, Remember Anthony, & Sarah Hoxſie, Abigail Robinſon & Lydia Wicks, to prepare general Anſwers & an Account to the Yearly meeting, with a ſummary acct & present to the Adjournment of this Meeting tomorrow — Our friends Ruth Shearman, Deborah Mowry, Mary Earl, Abigail Lawton, Anna Green, & Mary Brown are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting —

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting sent up in their Account, that they had appointed Eliſabeth Hosier to the Station of an Elder — a friend from that meeting informs, they had the Approbation of the mens meeting therein —

Southkingston Monthly Meeting sent up in their Account, that they with the Unity of their men friends have appointed Dorcas Weaver to the ſtation of an Elder. —

An extract from the Monthly meeting of Providence was read in this, informing, that they with the concurrence of the mens meeting had appointed Sarah Steere to the Station of an Elder, it being omitted in their Account —

We have deliberately & weightily conſidered of said Appointments & approve of them — the Quarterly meeting of men friends concurring with Us therein: and Deborah Mowry is Appointed to acquaint the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof. — And report to the Adjournment of this meeting tomorrow. —

This Meeting Adjourns to the ſame hour the mens meeting Adjourns to: —

10th Day met according to Adjournment —

Representatives all Present. — The friends Appointed to collect a Summary Account brought it to this Meeting, it was read & approved. —

The Committee Appointed Yesterday to prepare general Answers & an Account to the Yearly Meeting, presented them to Us, which have been read, approved & the Clerk is directed to Sign the Account on behalf of this Meeting — And Our Representatives above named are directed to forward them to the Yearly Meeting. —

A Testimony concerning Our beloved friend friend Patience Brayton, Deceased, given forth from Swansey Monthly Meeting held the 6th of 4th mo. 1795, was read in this Meeting which we feelingly Approve of — the mens Meeting Uniting with Us therein, and Signed by the Clerks of both meetings, which to be Sent up to the Yearly Meeting for their disposal. —

An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in London by Adjournments from the 19th to the 28th of the 5th mo. 1794. — Containing much Salutary advice, which has been read to Our comfort & encouragement. —

Deborah Mowry reports, she informed the Select Quarterly Meeting, that Elizabeth Hosier, Dorcas Weaver & Sarah Steere was approved to the Station of Elders. —

This Meeting concludes & Adjourns to meet in the Eighth Month at Portsmouth if permitted. — Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting by Lydia Wicks Clerk

# Summary.

Meetings for Worſhip & Diſcipline are duly attended by a number, except a few herein Women friends were prevented by Sickneſs & the Weather — the greater part of Our members endeavour to obſerve the hour, yet We find a neglect therein - by accounts there is in all Our meetings, one excepted, a remnant who are preſerved from Sleeping; but fear all do not keep enough on their watch to prevent them, from that indecent practice — pretty clear of other indecency. except unneceſsarily going out & in at Our Meetings of Diſcipline. — Love & Unity meaſureably maintained, but not so fully by all as is deſired — Some are careful in regard to tail-bearing &c —

Moſtly clear of difference, and where any have ariſen endeavours have been Used to end them. — Some friends careful to educate them under their care in plainneſs, and to diſcourage them from reading pernicious books &c — And to set good examples themſelves; but there is great deviation in some inſtances in them reſpects — We believe the Scriptures are Audibly read in moſt friends families. —

Our teſtimony as to Spirituous Liquors is rather gaining; it dont appear that there is any unneceſsary going to Taverns, or places of publick reſort — friends appear engaged to keep in moderation on Account of births Marriages &c. — The circumſtances of the poor we fear not ſufficiently inſpected — friends are concerned that poor Children ſhould have learning — a deficiency in regard to Wills — Truth has not ſuffered in the 3 following Queries — Not quite clear in removal Certificates, & recording births Marriages &c

There remains a care on these Accounts — Some are rightly concerned to deal with offenders, Seasonably — tho not quite clear of partiality & unnecessary delay - Judgment has been placed where it has appeared necessary —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 13th of the 8th mo 1795 —

The Representatives named in the Several Accounts are — For Rhode Island Ruth Shearman Sarah Robinson, Greenwich Freelove Harris. Deborah Green & Ruth Green. — Southkingston Alice Congdon, Hannah Perry — Smithfield Lavina Southwick, Sarah Smith & Abigail Pearce — Swanzey Rose Eddy, Eunice Brayton & Elisabeth Slead — Uxbridge Thankful Batty & Lucy Green. — Providence Almy & Susannah Bowen — Richmond none — who being called were all present except Ruth Shearman & Eunice Brayton, who have sent satisfactory reasons for not attending —

We have Received Accounts with Answers to the Queries from the Monthly Meetings composing this quarter: which have been read, informing all Our Meetings are continued, one meeting not attended by Women in two monthly Meetings, occasioned by very rainy weather.

Our beloved friend Mary Mitchel attended this Meeting and presented a Minute from Nantucket Monthly Meeting held for the Northern district the 27th of the 5th mo 1795 — Signifying their Unity with her in her concern to pay a religious visit to some of the meetings within Rhode
Quarter —

~ The being a Miniſter in near Unity — which hath been read to Our ſatiſfaction. —

We are informed by the men friends, that Uxbridge Monthly Meeting has approved of the publick appearance of Richard Mowry in the Miniſtry. which they concur with — We uniting with them therein. —

Epiſtles from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends of Rhode Iſland, Philadelphia and New York. — containing weighty and Salutary adviſes. were read to Our refreſhment — and One from the Yearly Meeting of Women friends held at London by Adjournments from the 19th of the 5th mo. 1794 to the 28th of the ſame incluſive — Containing many pertenant remarks & Seaſonable advices; Which have been read to Our comfort and encouragement — And Ann Carpenter & Abigail Green are appointed to take the care of tranſcribing said Epiſtles for the Monthly Meetings and present them to Our next Quarter. —

Deborah Green & Lydia Wicks are appointed to collect a Summary Account from the Anſwers to the Queries, & bring to Our next Quarterly Meeting. —

We are informed the Repreſintatives to attend the Yearly Meeting all attended. —

This Meeting is informed the Repreſentatives to Our laſt Quarterly Meeting were directed to lay before the Quarterly Meeting a concern that was ſpread in that meeting and which hath long been a burthen to many minds. the unbecomming & Indecent practice of paſsing & repaſsing to the diſturbing —

of the Solemnity on such occaſions — after a deliberate & weighty consideration thereon it was United with — that in all Our meetings for Diſcipline there ſhould be two ſolid friends appointed to set at the door to prevent any unneceſsary going in & out. —

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet at Smithfield in the 10th mo if permitted. —

Signed in & on behalf of their Meeting
by Lydia Wiks Clerk. —

## Summary. —

By Accounts from the Several Monthly Meetings we gather that all Our meetings two excepted have been kept up — tho a complaint from moſt of them, of slackneſs in attending of midweek meetings; and not all clear of Sleeping therein. — That love & Unity in good degree is preserved — Tale bearing is in the general discouraged — and in each Meeting there are some endeavouring to educate those under their care in that plaineſs that truth requires; but a complaint from moſt that this important duty is too much neglected by others, particularly in converſation; and some want of good example therein — the Scriptures generally read in families. — Friends appear careful in the obſervation of the 4th Query — a good degree of care taken of the poor — Some ſhortneſs in regard to Childrens learning — none placed from among friends — Generally careful in the 6th Query except in some inſtances of company keeping which is under notice — the 7th & 8th Queries clear except in regard to Wills —

There appears to be a continuation of care to encourage in virtue those that have been held in Slavery — friends are mostly careful to obſerve what is contained in the 10th Query — A Shortneſs in regard to Certificates & Records — — Some engagement expreſsed to deal rightly with Offenders. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield ~~the~~ for Rhode Iſland the 8th of the 10th Month 1795 —

The Repreſentatives for Rhode Iſland Are Elizabeth Hadwin, Abigail Green, & Mary Dennis — Greenwich Sarah Northup, and Ruth Langford — Southkings Katharine Kenyon — Deborah Rodman. Swanſey Sarah Chace, Lydia Shove, Mary Earl & Hannah Chace — Smithfield Anna Wing & Lydia Smith — Uxbridge Mary Aldrich & Eunice Potter — Providence Mary Anthony & Phebe Lockwood & Lydia Arnold — Richmond Suſanna Aldrich & Comfort Allen. —

who being called are all preſent except Ruth Langford, Deborah Rodman & Mary Anthony — the two laſt sent ſatiſfactory reaſons for their not attending. —

The advice from the yearly meeting reſpecting the Appointment of two friends to set at the door, has been complied with —

The friends appointed at Our Last Quarterly Meeting to collect a Summary account, preſented one to this Quarter — it hath been read & approved. —

The Committee appointed to take the care of tranſcribing the Epistles, preſented them to this meeting, & the Repreſentatives are directed to forward them to the Monthly Meeting to which they belong. — —

We have Received Accounts & Answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter which have been read up. — Mary Brown & Abigail Green are appointed to draw a Summary account therefrom & present it to adjournment of this Meeting if it ſhould adjourn, if not to our next Meeting. —

Handed in from the mens meeting a teſtimony on behalf of Our beloved friend Job Scott deceaſed - given fourth from the Monthly Meeting of Providence setting fourth his pious life & religious labours which hath been read, and nearly United with — Also one from the national half years Meeting of friends in Ireland, teſtifying of his examplary conduct and Religious labours in their land. —

An endorſment on a Minute preſented by Our beloved friend Mary Mitchel from the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket, was prepared, approved & signed by the Clerks of both Meetings. —

[18] This Meeting concludes under a renewed Sense of Divine regard & Adjourns to meet at Swanſey in the firſt mo. if permitted.—

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting
by Lydia Wiks Clerk—

## Summary.—

Meetings for worſhip & Diſcipline attended except Some in Stormy weather, and in the time of Quarterly Meeting— the hour pretty well obſerved— clear of indecency except drowſineſs— A remnant in each Meeting appear to be concerned for the maintenance of love & Unity as becomes the followers of Chriſt, alſo to diſcourage tale bearing &c.— No difference

Some friends are carefull in the education of their Children, and are good examples themſelves, while some others are too much unconcerned—

The holy Scriptures are read by som in the way queried after, while others are too remiſs—

The particulars mentioned in the fourth Query generally attended to.—

The circumſtances of the poor attended to, and they relieved— none placed from among friends— The sixth query clear except Some Inſtances of company keeping in a diſorderly way Some care taken.— The 8th Query generally clear, except deficiency in regard to Wills— None held in Slavery. and Some care taken in the education of thoſe that have been.—

Clear in regard to the 10th Query. —— Care is taken with regard to records - Clear as to Certificates except two Inſtances. —— a care Subſiſts among friends to deal with friends to deal with offenders as queried after, & to place Judgment according to Diſcipline. ——

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Summerſet for Rhode Iſland the 7th of the 1st mo. 1776 —

The Repreſentatives named in the Accounts are, For Rhode Iſland Suſanna Barker Jr. Ruth Shearman Jr. — Greenwich Eliſabeth Spencer, Freelove Harris - Southkingſton Sarah Hoxſie & Avis Knowles — Swanſey Patience Buffinton Lydia Shove & Abigail Lawton — Smithfield Mahetabel Allen, Abigail Pearce, and Rowena Smith — Uxbridge Thankful Battey, Iſabel Chace — Providence Abigail Arnold, & Deborah Arnold — Richmond none — Repreſentatives called are all preſent except Suſannah Barker — We have Received Accounts & Anſwers to the Queries from each Monthly Meeting compoſing this Quarter. —— which have been read. — Patience Green & Lydia Wicks are appointed to collect a Summary account from them & preſent to their next Quarterly Meeting. ——

The friends appointed at Our last Quarter to draw a Summary account sent it to this meeting; it hath been read approved & —

The Monthly of Rhode Island sent up in their Account, that they had with the Unity of their mens meeting appointed Sarah Fowler to the Station of an Elder, which this Meeting approves of, the mens Quarterly Meeting uniting with Us therein — Ruth Shearman is appointed to acquaint the Select Quarterly meeting thereof, and report to Our next Quarter. —

This Meeting received a few lines from Ruth Langford informing, that indisposition of body prevented her attending Our last Quarterly Meeting —

This Meeting is informed that the expiration of the time for which the Clerk was appointed, has taken place — and the appointment of One to that Service is refered to the close of the Quarterly Meeting in the fourth Month. —

This Meeting concludes under a renewed Sense of Divine favour & Adjourns to meet at Greenwich in the tenth month if permitted

Signed in & on behalf of the
Meeting by Lydia Wicks Clerk —

# Summary —

By Accounts received our Meetings are all continued, some few not attended by Women in ſtormy weather, the hour generally obſerved, pretty clear of unbecomming behaviour, except Sleeping — Love & Unity preſerved by a number, who endeavour to ſuppreſs evil reports — differences clear —

Some friends are endeavouring to rightly educate their Children & others under their care — no complaint of unprofitable book —

The Scriptures read in Our families generally

The fourth & fifth query moſtly attended to —

A ſorrowful Account in moſt Monthly Meetings of diſorderly companykeeping, & marrying out of the Unity of friends. care taken of that account — Clear in reſpect to the Seventh & Eighth Queries. except Wills — none held in Slavery amongſt us — friends appear engaged on account of them that have been held therein. —

No complaint of Our Teſtimony ſuffering in the tenth Query —

Records & Certificates not clear — care taken on that Account — A remnant in each Meeting concerned for regular dealing with offenders. and Judgment hath been placed according to Diſcipline. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Eaſt Greenwich for Rhode Iſland the 7th of the 4th mo. 1796 —

The Repreſentatives named in the Accounts are — For Rhode Iſland Ruth Spencer, Ruth Shearman Jr. & Sarah Burden — Greenwich Lydia Dennis, Sarah Northup & Hannah Arnold — Southkingston Mary Wilbor, Catharin Kinyon — Swanſey Eunice Brayton — Smithfield Eliſabeth Sprague & Sarah Bartlet — Uxbridge Sarah Holder & Rachel Fry. Providence Mary Brown & Phebe Lockwood — Richmond none. —

Who being called all preſent —

The friends appointed at our laſt Quarter to collect a Summay Account preſented it to this meeting which hath been read & approved —

We have received Accounts with Anſwers to the queries from all the monthly meetings compoſing this, except Richmond — which have been read up — Abigail Arnold & Dorcaſ Hadwin are appointed to collect a Summary account from said Accounts — and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting tomorrow —

Mary Brown, Sarah Holder, Alice Almy, Lydia Smith, Sarah Hoxſie & Lydia Wicks, are appointed to prepare general Anſwers and an Account to the Yearly Meeting and bring to the Adjournment of this Meeting. —

We appoint Our friends Mary Anthony Eliſabeth Sprague, Ruth Shearman, Abigail Robinſon, Sarah Hoxſie & Sarah Fowler to attend the Yearly Meeting - Greenwich Monthly Meeting sent up in their Account that they with the concurrence of the mens meeting have appointed Deborah Green to the Station of an Elder — We have weightily considered and approved said Appointment, the mens quarterly Meeting uniting with us therein - Freelove Harris is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof & report to the Adjournment of this Meeting. —

Ruth Shearman reports that the Select Quarterly Meeting hath been informed that Sarah Fowler was appointed to the Station of an Elder —

This Meeting Adjourns to the 11th hour tomorrow morning. —

The 8th day met agreable to Adjournment - Representatives all present - the friends appointed yesterday to collect a Summary account, brot it to this meeting, which hath been read & approved. —

Freelove Harris reports. She informed the Select Quarterly Meeting, that Deborah Green was appointed to the Station of an Elder. —

The Committee appointed Yesterday to prepare general Answers & an Account to the Yearly Meeting, produced ~~One~~ them to the Meeting this morning, which have been read & approved & Signed by the Clerk — And Our Representatives are directed to forward them to the Yearly Meeting. —

A Certificate on behalf of Our beloved friend Deborah Darby & Rebekah Young from Europe was presented to this Meeting dated the 7th & 8th of the 4th month 1796. directed to the Monthly Meeting of Colebrook dale in England.— which hath been read & feelingly approved of by this meeting & the mens. and signed by the Clerks of both.—

We have had the Company of Our beloved friend Mary Mitchel from Nantucket, whose company & labours have been truly acceptable to us.—

We have been informed that the Monthly Meeting of Richmond was not attended by a Sufficient number of Women to prepare an Account to send to this. the Snow being so deep as to prevent it — Lydia Wicks is appointed Clerk for the Year ensuing.—

This Meeting concludes under a Sense of Divine regard, and Adjourns to meet at Portsmouth in the 8th mo. if permitted.—

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting
by Lydia Wicks Clerk—

## Summary.—

We find by Accounts received, that all Our Meetings are continued, tho several have not been attended by Women, occasioned by Sickness & Stormy Weather, the hour mostly observed, pretty clear of Sleeping & other unbecomming behaviour.—

Love & Unity measureably preserved

by a number, who endeavour to discourage evil reports. clear as to open differences - many friends are endeavouring rightly to educate their Children & those under their care, & to discourage reading unprofitable books - the Scripture read in most of Our families - generally careful in regard to the fourth & fifth query - Several complaints of disorderly company keeping - clear in the particulars mentioned in the seventh query - a general Slackness in respect to Wills - mostly careful to maintain Our testimony against Slavery - no breach in the tenth query - not all clear in regard to records & Certificates, care is taken on those accounts - a care remains in all Our meetings for right dealing with offenders, and that Judgment should be placed according to Our Discipline —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 11th of the 8th mo. 1796 — The Representatives named in the Several Accounts are for Rhode Island - Sarah Robinson, Hepzibah Buffum & Ruth Shearman - Greenwich Deborah Green, Anna Cook, Mary Durfee & Anna Green. Southkingston Mary Wilbor & Sarah Wilbor - Swanzey Phebe Slead, Abigail Lawton & Rebecca Earl - Smithfield Elisabeth Arnold & Deborah Mowry - Uxbridge Lucy Green, Barsheba

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195 Providence Alice Almy & Suſanna Bowen.— Richmond & Suſanna Aldrich and Martha Gillson.—

who being called are all preſent except two, who ſent ſatiſfactory reaſons for not attending—

We have received Accounts with Anſwers to the queries from all the monthly Meetings belonging to this, which have been read up— Deborah Green & Lydia Wicks are appointed to collect a Summary account therefrom & preſent to Our next Quarterly Meeting.— This Meeting is informed the Repreſentatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting all attended, except Sarah Hoxſie, and ſhe hath given a reaſon ſatiſfactory for not attending.—

The Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge sent sent up in their Accounts, that they had with the Unity of their mens meeting Appointed Rachel Baſset to the Station of an Elder, which we approve of, the mens quarterly Uniting with us therein.—

Deborah Mowry is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof, and report to Our next Quarter—

An Epiſtle from Our Yearly Meeting of Women friends held on Rhode Iſland in the sixth month laſt, hath been received and read, to the ſtrengthening & comforting of many minds.—

It is recommended & adopted by the Yearly Meeting, that in future, the monthly meetings be not required to ſend Anſwers to the Quarterly meetings—

except to the first, second & twelfth Querys
only Once in the Year, at the meeting next preceding the Yearly Meeting, when they are all to be answered as heretofore; but that all the Meeting be read in the several Meetings Quarterly and friends are desired to stir one another up to a more diligent application of the important duties by them enjoined, that an increase of care may be witnessed. ——

Transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia & New York have been received & read, and the salutary advices therein contained kindly accepted, and Ruth Shearman is Appointed to take the care of transcribing the Philadelphia Epistle for the Several Monthly Meetings and present them to Our next Quarter. ——

The Representatives are directed to forward the transcripts of Rhode Island & New York that have been presented to this Meeting, to the Monthly Meetings to which they belong ——

This Meeting Concludes under a living Sense of Divine favour & Adjourns to meet at Smithfield in the 10th month next ——

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting
by Lydia Wiks Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Smithfield in Rhode Island the 13th of the 10mo 1796

Representatives named in the several Accounts are for Rhodeisland, Sarah Fowler & Ruth Sherman; for Greenwich Anna Greene Deborah Greene, & Hannah Arnold. South-Kingston Sarah Hazard & Thankfull Collins, Swanzey Elizabeth Chace & Sabrina Shove; Smithfield Hannah Read, Anna King & Alice Sprague; Uxbridge Rachel Bassett & Elizabeth Farnum Providence Hepzabah Harris & Abigale Arnold, Richmond, Ruth Martin & Mary Bennet.— Representatives being called, are all present, except Hannah Read & Hepzabah Harris. this meeting hath been informed indisposition of body prevented their attending.—

The friends Appointed to collect a summary account from the Answers to the Queries presented them to this Meeting, which hath been read and with some alteration approved and is as followeth.* #——

We have received accounts from the several Monthly Meetings composeing this and Answers to the three Queries as being the perticular advice and Direction of the Yearly Meeting which hath been read up. Deborah Greene & Anna Greene; are appointed to collect a summory therefrom, and present to our next Quarterly Meeting.—

The friends Appointed to transcribe the Philadelphia Epistle presented the transcripts to this Meeting which hath been read to the tendering and refreshing of many Minds, & the representatives are directed to forward them to the Monthly Meetings to which they belong.——

The Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge sent up in their account that they had with the concurrence of their men friends approved of the Publick appearance of Sarah Holder in the Ministry, which we feelingly approve of; the Mens Quarterly Meeting Uniteing with us therein, and Prelive Harris is appointed to inform the select quarterly Meeting thereof; and report to our next Quarter.—

There was handed in from the Mens Meeting three Epistles One from London, Pensylvania & New-York containing much instruction, and many sea-

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seasonable caution, which hath been read and kindly accepted.—

Deborah Morris reported she informed the select Quarterly Meet<sup></sup>g that Rachel Basset was appointed to the Station of an Elder.—

This meet<sup></sup>g concludes under a renewed sence of Divine regard Mercifully extended to us at this time and adjourns to meet at Swanzey in the fifth month if permited.—

Signed in and on behalf of the Meet<sup></sup>g
by Lydia Hickes Clk —

## Summary.—

Meetings for Worship, and those for Discipline have been attended except One, Stormy weather preventing, the Hour mostly Observed; a little complaint of sleeping, care taken on that account: Clear of other unbecoming behavour, Love & unity Measureable subsisting, friends appear engaged to discourage tale bearing, backbiting, and evil reports; Care taken to end Differences.— Some friends are labouring to discharge themselves agreable to the requirings of the third query, others are not so much engaged therein as would be best.— We think Clear of pernicious Books, Corrupt Conversation not enough avoided; the Scriptures read audibly in most Families.— No Complaint in the fourth & fifth Querys. Generally careful in the sixth query.— some instances of keeping company out of society care taken.— The 7th & 8th Clear except Wills.— Clear of holding mankind in Slavery.— No deficiency in the 10th Query.— respecting Certificates and records care is taken, and to deal with offenders and judgement hath been placed, when & where necessary.—

At a Quarterly Meeting of Womens Frien
held at Summersett for Rhode Island, the 12th of
the 1st Month 1797.—

Representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are, for Rhode Iſland, Ruth Shearman Jun. Suſanna Barker Jr & Marcy Dennis.— Greenwich Freelove Harris, & Deborah Greene.— South Kingston Sarah Wilbur.— Swanſey Bethaney Buffenton, Sarah Purinton, the 2d Abigal Lawton, & Lydia Shov Smithfield Elizabeth Arnold & Elizabeth Smith Uxbrige, Phebe Mackintir & Lydia Smith. Providence Mary Lapham & Abigail Arnold, Richmond None.—

Representatives called, all present except Bethany Buffenton; who We are informed is prevented by Sickneſs.—

Freelove Harris reports, that she informed the Select Quarterly Meeting that the publick appearance of Sarah Holde in the miniſtry hath been approved.—

The Friends appointed to Collect a Summary account from the Answers to the Queries in the tenth month, presented it to this meeting which hath been read, approved & is as follows *—

We have received accounts from all the Monthly meetings belonging to this, with answers to the Queries which hath been read;— Abigail Arnold & Elizabeth Arnold are appointed to draw a Summary account therefrom, and present to this Quarterly Meetg in the fourth month.—

Rhode Iſland Monthly meeting sent up in their account; that they with the unity of their mens meeting, approved of the publick appearance in the Miniſtry of Elizabeth Coggeshall which We have Weightily Considerd and approved the Mens Quarterly Meeting uniting with us therein,

and Freelove Harris is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meetg thereof & report to our next quarter.—
We are informed from the mens Meeting, that Greenwich Monthly Meeting hath appointed John Green to the Station of an elder, which they approve of, & We feelingly unite with them therein.—

This Meeting hath been covered throughout with a solemn Covering, Concludes and ajourns to meet at Greenwich in the fourth Month if permited
Signed in and on behalf of the meetg
by Lydia Wickes Clk

## Summary —

It appears by the answers that all Our first day meetings have been kept up; tho' some of them are small at times, the Hour generally observed, some appearance of drowsiness, Clear of other Indecencies.— A degree of love & unity subsisting in a Remnant, yet not so General as would be best, talebearing &c discouraged by some friends, no Open differences.— Care taken to deal with offenders, & judgment placed where it appears Necessary.—

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island the 13th of the 4th month 1797.—

Representatives Named in the several Accounts are,—for Rhode Island, Ruth Sisson, Elizabeth Chace, Elizabeth Huntington & Abigail Greene. Greenwich Sibel Reynolds, Abigail Green & Hannah Arnold South Kingston Elizabeth Sims & Sarah Hoxsie, Swanzey Anna Shove & Abigail Lawton Smithfield Lucy How, Abigail Pearce & Elizabeth Arnold, Uxbridge Lucy Greene Ruth Farnum & Lydia Smith, Providence Phebe Lockwood & Susanna Bowen Richmon, Susanna Aldrich.—

Representatives called all present, except Elizabeth Chace Elizabeth Huntington & Lucy Howe. — We have been inform. Elizabeth Huntington is prevented by indisposition of body the other two friends hath not sent any excuse for not attending. —

Freelove Harris reports that the select quarterly Meeting hath been informed that the Publick appearance of Elizabeth Coggeshall in the Ministry was approved. —

The Friends appointed to collect a summary account from the answers to the queries in the first month presented it to this meeting, it hath been read approved, and is as followeth. * —

We have received accounts with answers to the queries from all the monthly meetings composeing this Quarter, which hath been read up, Elizabeth Arnold and Abigail Greene are appointed to draw a summary therefrom, and bring to the adjournment of this meeting tomorrow. —

Abigail Arnold, Elizabeth Arnold, Dorcas Hadwen, Abigail Green, Hannah Arnold, & Lucy Greene, are appointed to Collect general Answers and prepare an account to the yearly Meeting & present them to the ~~ajourn~~ ment of this meeting to morrow morning. —

We appoint our friends Deborah Greene Sarah Hoxsie, Abigail Lawton, Ruth Shotman. Anna Greene, Ruth Langford Senr, Elizabeth Sprague, & Abigail Greene, to attend the Yearly Meeting. —

Greenwich Monthly Meeting sent up in their account, that they Had with the approbation of their mens meeting, appointed Sarah Northup to the station of an elder, which We have considered and agr

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approved; the mens quarterly Meeting concuring with us therein, and Anna Greene is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof and report to the adjournment of this meeting.

Uxbridge Monthly Meetg informes in their account, that they with the concurrence of their Mens Meetg hath appointed Hannah Chace to the station of an Elder which has the approbation of this meetg, the mens meetg uniting with us and Deborah Mowry is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meetg thereof and report to the adjournment of this meetg tomorrow.

There was handed in from the Mens Meetg a Testimony concerning our Friend Benjamin Buffenton who Deceased in the year 1760. given forth from the Monthly Meetg of Swansey read at Summerset the 2d of the 1st month 1794. And one from the before mentioned monthly Meetg bearing the same date, concerning our friend Theophilus Shove, setting forth their pious lives and religious Labours which hath been read and feelingly approved of,

The mens friends inform, that Ben Reynolds of Greenwich Monthly Meetg is appointed and approved to the station of an Elder which has the unity of this meetg.

This meetg adjournes to the 11th hour tomorrow, 14 day met agreeable to adjournment, ~~at~~ Representatives called all present as yesterday except Sibel Reynolds, Who we have been informed is not able to attend.

The friends appointed

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it drew a summary account presented it to the Meetg this morning which hath been read approved and is as followeth — Viz. All our Meetgs for religious Worship & discipline have been kept up, except two neglected in stormy weather; the hour generally observed mostly clear of other indecencies; Love & Unity in a good degree maintained amongst us, but not without instances of weakness, talebearing, backbiting, & spreading evil reports generally discouraged, care is taken to end differencies; many Friends are concerned for the right Education of those under their care while others are deficient, — generally clear of pernicious Books, pretty clear of corrupt conversation, some Friends concerned to be good examples, — while others are too unconcerned, the Holy Scriptures Dutifully read in some Families. Friends generally careful in the use of Spirituous Liquors, care is taken on account of places of publick resort, a good degree of moderation is kept on account of Births, Marriages, Burials & other like occasions, the circumstances of the Poor inspected, & generally relieved, their Children partake of learning, none placed from among Friends generally careful in the particulars mentioned in this Query, except several instances of disorderly company keeping. — the 7th & 8th Query is clear except [illegible]. — Clear of holding Mankind in Slavery. no deficiency in the 10th Query — respecting Certificates & Records, care is taken, & to deal with offenders in the manner queried after & Judgment hath been placed where it appeared necessary. —

The Committee appointed yesterday to prepare general answers, and an Account to the Yearly Meetg laid them before this Meeting, a little alteration made in the Answers which hath been read with the account are approved, the Clerk is desired to sign the same on behalf of the Meetg and Our representatives before named are desired to forward them to the yearly-meeting.—

Anna Greene & Deborah Morey reports that they have informed the Select Quarterly Meetg, that Sarah Northup & Hannah Chace were appointed in the Station of Elders.—

We are informed from the Mens Meetg, that they have approved of the Publick Appearance in the Ministry of Jonathan Chace of Swanzey Monthly Meetg, We have taken it under Consideration and Concur with them therein.—

Lydia Wickes informes, the time for which she was appointed Clerk to this Meetg is expired, the appointment of one to that place is referred to our quarterly meeting in the 8th month.—

The business that hath been before us is completed, this meeting concludes and adjournes to be at Portsmouth in the eighth month if permitted.—

Signed in & on behalf of the Meetg by
Lydia Wickes Clerk

## Summary—

All Meetings for Worship & discipline have been kept up, excepting one which was by reason of Extremity of weather, and mostly by the greater part of friends, the hour pretty well Observed, some instances excepted, mostly clear of sleeping & Other unbecoming behaviour. — Love & unity Maintained in a good degree amongst us, but not without instances of weakness; talebareing backbiteing & spreading of Evil reports appears to be pretty generally discouraged, & Care taken to end differencies. — Care is mostly taken to deal with Offenders, and judgment placed agreeable to discipline. — —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Portsmouth on & for Rhode Island the 10th of the 8th m 1797 —

The Accounts from all the monthly meetings hereto belonging being presented the Representatives names are. — For Rhode Island Elizabeth Tower & Sarah Fowler. — Greenwich, Sarah Knowles Hannah Arnold & Anna Smith. — Smithfield Deborah Mory, Sarah Smith & Mary Smith. Swansey Patience Buffington Elizabeth Chace & Sarah Earl S° Kingston, Hannah Perry & Sarah Hazzard. Uxbridge Rachel Bassett, & Lucy Comstock. — Providence Mary Brown Mary Anthoney, & Hepsaba Harris Richmond Susanna Aldrich. — All present except Mary Smith & Mary Brown. —

The Clerk being Absent Elizabeth Arnold is appointed Clerk for this time. —

The Accounts with Answers to the Queries being now read Deborah Morry &

& Eleizabeth Arnold are appointed to make out a summary of the Answers & present to our next Quarterly meetg,—

The friends appointed at last Quarter to attend the Yearly meetg mostly attended, those who did not, we are informed gave satisffactory reasons for their Absence.—

The Epistle from Our last Yearly Meetg has been presented & read to good acceptance the also recd Epistles from our sisters at their last Yearly Meetgs held in London, Philadelphia & New-York, which have been read to satisffaction, transcrips of which is handed to the Representatives to be delivered to each Monthly Meeting belonging to this Quarter.—

This Meetg Concludes & adjourns to meet at Smithfield in the 10th month if permitted

Signed in, & on behalf of sd Meetg by
Eleizabeth Arnold Clk
for the Day—

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield for Rhode Island the 12th of the 10th mo {1787

The Representatives named in the several accts are For Rhode Island—Ruth Sheaman Remember Anthony & Hepzibah Buffum —

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| For Greenwich | Anna Smith & Hannah Arnold |
| " Smithfield | Ellis Sprague & Molly Kelly |
| Swanzey | Pathany Buffenton & Abbigal Lawton |
| So. Kingston | Sarah Wilbour & Sarah Hoxie |
| Uxbridge | Sarah Arnold Eunice Potter<br>& Bathshaba Aldrich — |
| Providence | Hepzibah Harris, Lydia Arnold<br>& Elizabeth Arnold — |
| Richmond | Martha Jilson & Susanna Harkness |

Representatives called all Present except Pathany Buffenton & Abigal Lawton, Pathany Buffenton who hath sent a satisfactory reason for not attending we are likewise informed that Abigal Lawton was prevented attending by indisposition of Body — Mary Brown hath sent a satisfactory reason for not attending our last Quarterly Meeting

Elizabeth Arnold is Appointed Clerk for the year ensuing —

We are informed from the mens meeting that they unite with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in approveing of John Casey's public appearance in the Ministry which we have weightily considered and feelingly unite with them therein — The men Friends inform that smithfield Monthly Meeting hath appointed Jonathan Mowry to the station of an Elder which they approve of and this Meeting after weightily Considering the same unites with them therein — — — — — — —

The accounts with Answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings have been read. Our friends Lydia Arnold & Abigal Arnold are appointed to Collect a sum of Money and present to our next Quarterly Meeting. —— The Friends Appointed last Quarter to Collect a Summary of the Answers presented one to this Meeting which is approved of and is as follows: ——

Ansr. 1st. Meetings for worship & dicipline are generally attended & by the greatest part of Friends tho' not without exceptions the hour pretty well observed, not all preserved from drowsineſs some care taken, pretty clear of other unbecoming behaviour. 2nd: Love & Unity in a good degree maintained tho' instances of weakneſs appear in some, Friends mostly careful to discourage tale bearing &c. no open differences at present subsisting. ——

12th. Friends appear concerned to deal with offenders as Queried after yet not without some delay, Care taken in placing Judgement where it appears neceſsary agreeable to Dicipline.

This Meeting concludes & adjourns to meet in the first month next if permitted ——

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Frien
held at Sommerset for Rhode Island 1st mo. 11th 180

The Meeting is informed the Clerk is prevente
attending by indisposition of Body and Lydia
Wickes is appointed for this time. — —

Representatives appointed to attend this meeting
are for Rhode Island; Anna Chase, Ruth Sherma
Remember Anthony and Marcy Denis - Greenwich
Lydia Wickes - Anna Knowles, Smithfield Nancy
Batty Elizabeth Arnold. - South Kingstown. Sarah
Hoxie & Mercy Peckham — Swanzey Elizabeth
Chase, Dorcas Slead & Elizabeth Slead - Uxbridge
Rachel Basset - Lydia Smith and Judith South
wick Providence, Mary Anthony & Abigal Arnold
Richmond, Molly Randal — —

Representatives called all present
except Nancy Batty, Elizabeth Arnold Mary
Anthony and Molly Randal; we are informed
the three first mentioned Friends were pre-
vented attending by indisposition of body and
suitable conveyance - Molly Randal has not
sent any reason why she hath not comply'd with
her appointment — the friends appointed at our last
quarterly meeting to draw a Summary account pre-
sented it to this Meeting which hath been read approv

and is as followeth. — — We have received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings composing this which hath been read up and we appoint our friends Abigal Arnold and Elizabeth Smith to collect a summary account therefrom and present to our Quarterly meeting in the fourth Month —

this Meeting concludes and adjournes to meet at East Greenwich in fouth Month if permitted —

## Summary

All our Meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline are regularly attended except some few instances occasioned by the severity of the weather altho' in some places by the smallest part a care rests an the minds of some Friends that the Negligent may be encouraged to more diligence the hour gererally observed mostly clar of sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour therein. — — We think there is a remnant who are labouring to be preserved in that near unity queried after but not without some instances of weakness others are not so much engaged to become faithful testimony bearers in that important line of duty as would be best — tale-bearing, back-biting & evil reports not enough discouraged by all care has been taken to end differences We trust there is a care resting on the minds of many friends to deal with offenders as Queried after altho' there appears to be some delay. Judgement hath been placed where it

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island 12th of 4th m:
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Representatives named in the several accounts are
Rhode Island - Elizabeth Huntington, Sarah Fowler & Elizabeth Thurston — — —
Greenwich - Ruth Langford & Hannah Arnold
So Kingston - Hannah Perry, Avis Knowles - & Alice Peckham — — —
Smithfield - Mehettible Allen & Abigal Mowry
Swanzey - Eunice Brayton & Abigal Lawton
Uxbridge - Huldah Mowry Sarah Arnold & Mary B
Providence - Sarah Steer & Phebe Lockwood
Richmond - None — — —

Representatives being called all presen except Sarah Arnold - Our beloved friend Elizabeth Coggshall appeared in this meeting and lai before us a concern that hath rested on her mind for some time past to make a religious visit to Europe and presented a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Rhode Island expressive of their unity with her in her concern, she being a Minister in good esteem which we have weightily considere and feeling a near sympathy with her it had the unity and concurrence of this meeting.

Our friends Anna Greene, Deborah Greene

Lydia Wickes & Sarah Hazard a appointed to join with a Comittee of men friends to consider the same and prepare a Cetificate if way should Open ——

The friends appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to collect a summary account presented it to this meeting which hath been, approved and is as follows — — We have received accounts with answers to the queries from all the Monthly Meetgs. composing this which hath been read & we appoint our friends Abigal Arnold & Abigal Lawton Elizabeth Huntington, Elizabeth Thurston, Ruth Shearman Junr. and Lydia Smith to draw a Summary & prepare general answers with some account to the yearly Meeting and present to the adjournment to morrow it was proposed in the account from Smithfield whether it might not be best to discontinue the public meeting at the time of the quarterly Meeting in the 10th Mo. at that place which this meeting after considering the matter appoints our friends Sarah Hoxie Abigal Robinson, Sarah Wilbour & Hannah Arnold to join a Committee of men friends to conclude what way may be best to dispose of it — —

This Meeting adjourns to meet at the 11th. hour* The Clerk being absent through indisposition of body Lydia Wickes is appointed to take her place

The men friends inform that the Monthly meeting of Uxbridge sent up their account that they with the unity of their Womens Meeting have approved of the Public appearance in the Ministry of Royal Southwick with which they concur we uniting with them therein. ——

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*Representatives called all present that attended yesterday

They Likewise inform that William Peckham of South Kingston Monthly Meeting is appointed and approved to the station of an Elder which meets the approbation of this Meetg.

The Friends appointed to draw a Summary and prepare General Answers with an account to the yearly meeting, presented them to this meetg which hath been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meetg. and our Representatives are desired to forward them to the Yearly Meeting who are — Hannah Arnold Abigal Greene Sarah Hazard, Mary Spencer, Anna Greene, Hepzibah Buffum, Sarah Steer & Deborah Mowry —

The committee appointed yesterday on Elizabeth Coggshalls Certificate presented an indorsement which being read and solidly weighed in this Meeting was feelingly united with and signe by the mens and Womens Clerks on behalf of their respective Meetings. — The Committee appointed to consider if it might not be useful to discontinue the public Meeting at Smithfield in time of the Quarterly Meeting setting in the 10th Mo. have concluded to send it up to the Yearly Meeting for their disposal which this Meeting concurs with.

This Meeting Concludes under a Liveing extensio of Divine favour and adjourns to meet at Portsmouth in the 8th Mo. if permitted. ——

# Summary

All Our Meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been kept up except in two Instances and generally pretty well Attended Altho' a Considerable Slackneſs appears in some Meetings in regard to the due Attendance The Hour generally observed by those who do Attend not quite Clear in regard to sleep on which Account some care is taken no Complaint of other Indecencies.—Love & unity in a good degree maintain'd tho' not so fully by all as would become the profeſsed followers of Christ, a concern appears to discourage Talebearing spreading Evil reports &c. a pretty General care in regard to the regular dealing with Offenders and placing Judgement when necesary according to Truth and Discipline.——

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portmouth on & for Rhode Island the 9th of 8th Mo. 98

Representatives named in the several accoun are——

Rhode Island—Sarah Robinson, & Susanna Almy
Greenwich — Anna Cook, Anna Green & Lydia Wicke
South Kingston - Sarah Hazard & Deborah Hazzard
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Smith field—Lydia Smith & Elizabeth Sprague
Swanzey — Anna Shove & Abigal Lawton
Uxbridge - Bathsheba Aldrich, Hannah Chace & Eunice Potter

Providence – Hepzibah Harris & Dorcas Brown
Richmond – Susanna Harkness & Susanna Aldrich

Representatives being called all present except Susanna Harkness & Susanna Aldrich who have both sent satisfactory reasons for their absence

We have recd accounts from all the Monthly Meetings Composing this with the answers to the 1st 2nd & 12th Queries which have been read in this Meeting & Our Friends Abigal Arnold & Dorcas Brown are appointed to Collect a Summary & present at our next Quarterly Meeting – —

Our Esteemed friends Mehettible Jenkens attended this Meeting whose company has been Comfortable to us at this time with a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held at Berwick for Dover also a Copy of a Minuet from the same Monthly Meeting for her companion Sarah Cortland whose company likewise has been acceptable –

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting sent up in the account that they had appointed Elizabeth Thurston to the stations of an Elder which this Meeting after weightily considering the same unites with having the approbation of the Mens Meeting therein. Our friend Lydia Smith is appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof & report at the next Quarter there has been read in this Meeting an

Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport by Adjournments from the 11th of the 6 Mo to the 13th of the same inclusive 1798 to the several Quarterly Meetings thereto belonging, one from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends at Philadelphia in the 9th Mo & one from the Yearly meetg of Women friends New York in the 6th Mo containing much savoury & Seasonable advice transcripts of all which have been brought to this Meeting to be forwarded by the Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings. —— ——

Some of the Representatives that were appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting are present & inform that they attended to their appointment. —— —— The matter respecting an alteration in holding the Quarterly Meeting in the 10th Mo being left by the Yearly Meetg for this Quarterly Meeting to dispose of as might appear best, It is concluded that the select Meeting begin at the 11th hour the third day preceding the 2nd Sixth day in the 10th mo at Smithfield the Meeting for Discipline on 4th day and a public Meeting for Worship on 5th day each at the 11th Hour the Clerk of this Meeting is requested to forward a Copy of the Above Minuet to each Monthly Meeting. —— ——

This Meeting Concludes & adjourns to meet in the 10th Mo. if permitted. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield for Rhode-Island the 10th of the 10th Month 1798. –

The Accounts from all the Monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are. For Rhode Island { Sarah Fowler & Susanna Almy
Greenwich { Frelove Harris & Lydia Wicke
Smithfield { Elizabeth Sprague, Ann Thornton & Mary Smith
Swanzey { Bathany Buffington, Elizabeth Chace & Charity Buffington
South Kingston }
Uxbridge { Sarah Wilber, Bathſheba Collins & Catherine Kingon
Providence { Sarah Arnold & Rachel Baſset
Richmond { Phebe Lockwood & Hepzibah Harris & Dorcas Brown
Susanna Gorton & Lucy Twichet

Representatives called all Present except Sarah Fowler, Catherine Hingon & Dorcas Brown This

Meeting is informed they were prevented by indisposition of Body & difficulty of travelling

The friends appointed to collect a Summary presented one to this meeting which has been read approved & is as follows. ——

Elizabeth Arnold inform'd this Meeting that the times had expired for which ſhe was appointed Clerk to this Meeting, the appointment of one to that place is refered to the care of the representatives to report one to the next quarter

We have Recd. Accounts from all the Monthly Meeting composing this with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 12th Queries which have been read in this Meeting. — Our friend Lydia Dennis & Susanna Almy are appointed to collect a Summary to the answers & present at our next Quarterly Meeting. ——

Our friend Elizabeth Heighs attended this Meeting with a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of friends held at the Nine partners expreſsive of their unity with her as a minister which has been read to satisfaction — Lydia Smith reports that she inform'd the select Meeting of Elizabeth Thurstons appointment to the station of an Elder ——

The manner of collecting a Summary from the answers having come under the solid consideration of this Meeting it is recommended that in future the representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting – Meet at the 9th hour on fith Day – at the place of holding of said meeting and prepare a summary and present to the first setting of the Meeting for busineſs and the clerk is directed to furnish each Monthly Meeting with a copy of this Minuet. — —

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at sommeset (formerly swanzey) for Rhode Island the 10th of the 1st mo. 1799. — — —

The friends who had the care of reporting a Clerk to wright for this Meeting have attended to their appointment and report that they have conferred with Lydia Wickes on the ſubject and she consenting is appointed for the Year ensuing

Representatives named in the several accounts are
for Rhode Island Susanna Barker Jr. & Ruth Sherman Jr.
Greenwich – Freelove Harris & Deborah Greene
Smithfield – Hyrena Thomson Elizabeth Smith
& Sarah Smith — — —
Swanzey Mary Earl & Abigal Lawton

South Kingston — Sarah Hoxie & Sarah Wilbur
Uxbrdge Lydia Smith, Phebe Southwick & Rachel Basset
Providence — Susanna Austin & Mary Anthony
Richmond - Susanna Aldrich & Susanna Harkness

being called all present except Susanna Austin who hath sent a satisfactory reason for her absence

We have recd accounts and answers to the Queries from each Monthly Meeting belonging to this with a Summary collected therefrom by the representatives as directed at our last Quarter to draw a Summary account have complied with their appointment and presented one to this meeting which hath been read approved and is as followeth — Was read and approved in this Meeting a Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed friends Mehitable Jenkins and Sarah Cartland her companion Dated the 7th 1st Mo 1799 which had the concurrence of the mens meeting and Signed by the Clerks of both — The Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge sent up in their account that Bolton preparative Meeting have requested to be set off as a Monthly Meeting and the Mens quarterly Meeting inform they have appointed a Committee to visit said meeting to consider if it may be best to grant their request Elizabeth Sprague Lydia Smith Deborah Greene and Lydia Wickes are appointed to give the Men friends in their visit to the above mentioned Meeting ——

Was handed in from the Mens Meeting and read in this a Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed Friend Silas Downing which had the approbation of this Meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf thereof —

The men friends inform that it hath been proposed to them whether it may not be best to Divide the Quarterly Meeting which they have laid before us for our solid consideration and we appoint our Friends Sarah Hoxie, Deborah Greene, Frelove Harris, Abigal Lawton Ruth Shearman Lydia Smith Sasanna Harkness and Lydia Wickes a Committee to join wit the Men friends to weightily consider the same

The mens Meeting inform that Uxbridge Monthly Meeting have approved of the Publi appearance in the Ministry of Thomas Holden which they have considered and approved we uniting with them therein.— We appoint our friends Abigal Arnold and Dorcas Brown to take charge of the books and papers belonging to the Womens quarterly Meeting that have been in the care of our Decease Friend Mary Brown and record the Minuets and those that may be in future presented to them ——

This Meeting concludes and adjourns to Meet at East Greenwich in the 4th Mo. if permitted

Signed in and on behalf of the Meetg
by Lydia Wickes Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island the 11th of 4th Mo. 1799. — — — — —

Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Elizabeth Thurston, Lydia Dennis & Susanna Almy — Greenwich Sarah Northup Deborah Greene and Freelove Harris — Smithfield Deborah Mowry Elizabeth Smith — Swanzey — Eunice Brayton, Sarah Earl — South-Kingston Deborah Rodman & Alice Peckham — Uxbridge Lucy Comstock Sarah Arnold and Mary Aldrich — Providene Remember Anthony & Dorcas Brown Richmd. Bulah Sabins Susanna Harkness. — —

Representatives called all present except Bulah Sabins and Susanna Harkness who hath sent a satisfactory reason for not attending ——

We have received accounts and answers to the queries from the several Monthly Meetings belonging to this which have been read with a Summary collecte therefrom which was approved and is as followeth — Remember Anthony, Abigal Arnold, Mary Williams, Susanna Almy and Dorcas Brown are appointed to draw general answers and prepare an account to the Yearly Meeting and bring to the adjournment of this Meeting tomorrow. — We appoint our friends Mary Anthony Frelove Harris, Elizabeth Thurston Deborah Mowry, Lydia Smith, Sarah Wilbour and Abigal Robinson to attend the Yearly Meetg

The committee appointed at our last quarterly Meeting on account of the proposal of dividing the Quarterly Meeting reports that they have had a Solid satisfactory conference on the subject and that it is their opinion it will be best to refer the matter to our next quarter that it may be further considered and Dijested - which this and the mens meeting approves of, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each Monthly Meeting with a Copy of this Minute - the men friends inform that Rhode Island Monthly Meeting sent up in their account that they had appointed Richard Mitchel to the station of an Elder which they have weightily considered and approved we uniting with them therein. The Committee appointed in the case of Bolton preparative Meeting reques to be set off or Consulted a Monthly Meeting reports that according to their prospects it may be safe to indulge them with a Monthly Meeting on tryal for one year with a hope that if they keep their places it may be found useful to continue - the select members to remain a part of Uxbridge select Monthly Meeting and to attend that Meeting as they have heretofore - which this and the mens Meeting feelingly approves of - the Monthly Meeting to be held fourth Day before the last fifth Day in each Month. —— ——

This Meeting adjourns to the 11th hour tomorrow morning - 12 Day met agreeble to adjournment at the 11th hour representatives all present that attended yesterday - the committee appointed to Draw general answers and an account to the yearly Meeting presented them to the Meeting this Morning which hath been read and with some little alteration approved and the Clerk is directed to sign the same in behalf of this Meeting and our representatives before named are desired to forward them to the Yearly Meeting ——

The men friends inform they have concluded to appoint a Committee to sit with friends of Bolton at the first siting of their Monthly Meeting which we have solidly weighed - and appoint our friends Lydia Smith, Mary Aldrich, Deborah Mowry, Hepzibah Harris and Lydia Smith of Uxbridge to join the men friends leaving them at Liberty to proceed in visiting that Monthly Meeting as truth may open their way and report their judgement to our Quarterly Meeting in the 4th. Mo. next year. —

This Meeting concludes and adjourns to meet at Portsmouth in the 8th. Mo. if permitted

Signed in and on behalf of the Meetg.
by Lydia Wickes Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth on and for Rhode Island the 8th. of the 8th. Mo. 1799. — — — — — —

Representatives named in the several accounts are for Rhode Island Elizabeth Hosier, Elizabeth Thurston, Susanna Barker & Susanna Almy. —

Greenwich Anna Green, Abigal Green & Hannah Arnold — Smithfield Nancy Batty & Elizabeth Arnold — Swanzey Patience Buffenton, Mary Earl & Abigal Lawton — South Kingston, Deborah Rodman Alice Peckham — Uxbridge Huldah Mowry, Isabel Chase — Providence Phebe Brown, Mary Anthony. Richmond-None, Bolton Mary Wheeler, Rachel Fry & Sarah Houghton. — — —

Representatives called all present except Rachel Fry who hath sent a satisfactor reason for her absence — —

We have received accounts and Answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings composing this which have been read and solidly considered and some instructive remarks made thereon - Abigal Greene and Lydia Wickes are appointed to take the answers and collect a Summary therefrom and present to our next Quarterly Meeting. ——

This Meeting hath Wiegtily taken into consideration the important Deficiency of Richmond Monthly Meetings not being attended but by the smallest part of their Members and not appointing representatives to attend the Quarterly Mettings - We appoint our friends Nancy Batty, Abigal Robinson Anna Greene and Lydia Wickes to visit that Monthly Meeting with the meeting there to belonging and other services as truth may open the way and endeavour to encourage and impreſs on their minds a sense of the loſs they will sustain if they do not attend their Meetings at home and appoint representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting

The consideration of Dividing the quarterly Meeting is refered to next quarter. ——

We have been favoured with the company of our beloved friends Rebecca Jones and companion Jane Snowden from Philadelphia whose Labours in the Ministry and discipline have been instructively acceptable and strengthening to us. ——

It is concluded that our Quarterly Meeting in the tenth month is to be held as usual the select Meeting

to meet on 4th Day and the meeting for Worship on
5th Day. — —

This Meeting is informed the representative
appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting attended
the several sittings thereof and presented the Extrac
and transcripts of Epistles the reading of which is
refered to our next Quarter. ——

This Meeting concludes and adjourns to
meet at Smithfield in the 10th Mo. if permitted

Signed in & on behalf of the
Meeting by Lydia Wickes
Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Smithfield for Rhode
Island the 10th of the 10th Mo. 1799

Representatives appointed at the Several
Monthly Meetings to attend this are for
Rhode Island - Ruth Sherman, Sarah Fowler
Ruth Sisson and Ruth Sherman Jr.
Greenwich — Sarah Northup — Deborah Greene
Smithfield - Ellis Newell, Ruth Arnold — —
Swanzey - Elizabeth Chase, Sarah Chase & Sabrin
Shove. South Kingston - Mercy Peckham & Sarah Wilbu
Uxbridge. Bathsheba Aldrich, Hannah Chase & Rut
Aldrich. Providence - Anna Harris, Margaret Turne

and Remember Anthony.— Richmond, Susanna Harkness, Rachel Mowry — Bolton Anna Wheeler, Rachel Fry, and Mary Watson.— —

Representativeves called all present except Sarah Northup and Rachel Mowry this Meeting is informed they are prevented by indisposition of Body—we are informed a Summary from the Answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings composing this with a Summary collected therefrom which hath been read and after due consideration approved and is as followeth— The extracts from our Yearly Meeting and transcripts of Epistles from our Beloved Sisters of London, Philadelphia & New-York mentioned on our last Quarterly Meetings minutes hath been read containing much seasonable counsel and many pertinent remarks which have been Consolating, encourageing and strengthening to many minds present and the representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are Directed to forward copies of them to the several Monthly Meetings to which they belong We are informed by the men friends that they propose to Divide the Quarterly Meetg and have concluded to send it up to the Yearly Meeting for their disposal which we have weightily considered and unite with them them therein.— The men friends inform that Rhode Island Monthly proposes an alteration in holding their Monthly Meeting from the last third day to the last fifth Day in each Month which they have solidly weighed and are united with, we concuring with them — This meeting is informed the Committe appointed to visit Richmond Monthly Meeting all attended to their appointment and endeavoured as far as they were enabled to excite and encourage friends there to an increase of attention in the particulars wherein the greatest remiſsneſs has been apparent and bestowed such other labour as they apprehended was required of them and they were favoured with ability for

This Meeting Concludes and adjourns to meet at Swanzey in the first Mo: if permitted

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting
by Lydia Wickes Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somersett for Rhode Island the 9th of the 1st Mo. 1800

Representatives from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island – Susanna Barker & Susanna Almy. – Greenwich – Anna Greene & Lydia Wickes. – Smithfield Lydia Smith, Patience Arnold & Nancy Batty. – Swanzey – Perthany Buffenton Sarah Chase & Sarah Earl – South Kingston – Alice Peckham, Sarah Hoxie. – Uxbridge. Hannah Chase & Eunice Potter – Providence – Phebe Brown Hepzibah Harris & Mary Lapham – Richmond Rachel Mowry, Martha Gillson – Bolton – Lydia Gates, Mary Watson & Elizabeth Southwick. –

Representatives called present except Eunice Potter – Rachel Mowry and Martha Gillson the reason given for their absence is satisfactory

Lydia Wickes informs the time for which she was appointed to write for this Meeting is expired and the appointment of a friend to take her place is referd to the close of the quarterly Meeting in the 4th Mo. next – received and read in this Meeting accounts from the several Monthly Meetings with answers to the 1st 2nd & 12th Queries and a Summary collected therefrom which being solidly weighed is approved and is as followeth – the Summary which was mitted at our last quarter hath been presented and read with the from which it was collected and after due consideration an alteration in the Summary was proposed it being approved is as followeth. —

A concern orginated in this Meeting to appoint a Committee to visit a part or all the Monthly Meetings hereto belonging as truth may open the way — where upon we appoint Sarah Hoxie Lydia Smith of Smithfield and Abigal Lawton to visit said meetings and endeavour in the ability afforded to strengthen and encourage them to a lively engagement of mind and for a further enlargement of said Committee we refer to our next quarterly Meeting —

This Meeting concludes and adjourns to meet at Greenwich in the 4th Mo: if permitted

{ Signed in and on behalf of the
Meeting by Lydia Wickes Clerk

## Summary. —

Most of our Meetings have been kept up by a number although there is a slackness in a part of the member in each meeting there are several instances of meetings not being kept up by reason of stormy weather & sickness. the hour mostly observed not quite clear of sleeping clear of other unbecoming behaviour, when met. A degree of love and unity is maintained amongst some of us but fear there is a want of it in others Tale bearing and the spreading of reports discouraged by some no differences to the Meetings knowledge

We believe there is a care rests on the minds of some friends to deal with offenders in the Manner Queried after weakneſs so much prevails that judgement is not always placed without delay.—

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich for Rhode Iſland the 10th of the 4th Mo. 1800.— —

Representatives appointed at the several Monthly Meetings to attend this are for Rhode Iſland— Elizabeth Thurston, Sarah Fowler and Elizabeth Almy, — Greenwich, Deborah Greene, Sarah Greene & Elizabeth Mamford Smithfield— Mary Wing - Rowena Smith Swanzey— Sarah Earl and Mary Earl South Kingston— Avis Knowles & Dorcas Weaver Uxbridge — Mary Aldrich & Ruth Aldrich Providence Phebe Brown, Mary Anthony and Abigal Arnold— Richmond— Susanna Harkneſs & Rhoda Barret— Bolton Rachel Fry and Mary Wheeler. — — — —

Representatives called present except Susanna Harkneſs and Rhoda Barret who have sent a satisfactory reason for not attending — Received and read in this Meeting accounts and Answers to the queries from all the Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter with a Summary collected therefrom, and from them general answers have been compiled with an account prepared which hath been solidly weighed and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sing the account - our representatives hereafter named are desired to present them to the next yearly Meeting who are Sarah Fowler - Elizabeth Thurston, Abigal Greene, Hepzibah Harris Sarah Northup, Abigal Arnold and Ruth Sherman Jun are to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting. —

The Committee appointed to visit Bolton Monthly Meeting informs they are not ready to report is refered to our next Quarterly Meeting in the eighth Month next - The matter of appointing a committee to visit the Monthly Meetings referd from our Quarterly Meeting in the first Month coming weightily before this Meeting and we appoint our friends Ruth Sherman Jr Deborah Greene and Lydia Wickes to unite with the friends under appointment in visiting the Monthly Meetings. - The appointment of a Clerk referd from our last Quarter claims our attention at this time we appoint our friends Abigal Green Clerk and Ruth Shearman assistant Clerk for the year ensuing. —

This Meeting concludes under a Sence of Divine regard and adjourns to meet at Portsmouth in the 8th Mo. if permitted

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting by Lydia Wicke
Clerk

# Summary.

Our Meetings for Worship and Discipline appear to have been kept up two Meetings Unattended by Women by reason of Stormy weather the hour generally observed some complaint of sleping care is taken —

2nd Love and unity Measurably maintained and pretty general care to discourage evil reports mostly clear of differences..... — — — — — —

3nd there appears to be a number concerned for the right Education of the youth but to great a Slackneſs in others in that important trust some attention to reading the Scriptures. —

4th Mostly clear in the 4th Query - 5th and a general care in regard to the poor 6th some complaint of keeping Company in which care is taken 7th there dont appear any breach in the 7th Answer 8th not quite clear as to wills 9th Clear as to Slavery and a care extended who have been held therein 10th pretty clear in what is contained in the 10th Query 11th not all clear as to certificates but care is taken 12th there appears a general care to deal with Offenders tho' not without some delay and Judgement hath been placed in some Instances agreealbe to Discipline. — —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Portſmouth for Rhode Iſland the 7th of 8th Mo. 1800

Repreſentatives appointed from the ſeveral

Meetings to attend this are for Rhode Island— Abigal Robinson, Elizabeth Thurston & Susanna Almy Greenwich— Ruth Langford Mary Spencer and Deborah green. Smithfield— Deborah Mowry & Lydia Read. Swanzey— Abigal Lawton Patience Buffenton, Eunice Braton, & Hannah Earl South Kingston— Avis Knowles, Sarah Wilber & Alice Peckham.— Uxbridge— Avis Shove, Rachel Baſset & Lucy Dannels.— Providence Hepzibah Harriſs & Elizabeth Congdon.— Richmond Martha Jilson & Rachael Mowry.— Bolton.— Lydia Gates. Lydia Fry & Mary Watson.—

Representatives called present except Lydia Read, Rachel Baſset, Rachel Mowry & Martha Jilson. all sent all sent satisfactory reasons for not attending accept Rachel Baſset.— Was received and read in this Meeting accounts and Answers to the queries from all the Monthly Meetings composing this Quarter with a Summary collected therefrom which being approved is as followeth.—

1st Our Meetings have all been kept up except two sinse our last account which were not attended by reason of stormy weather. Meetings on first Day attended by the greater part of our Members, some deficiency in attending mid week meetings the hour mostly observed, generally clear of Sleeping though not without some exceptions wherein some care is

taken other unbecoming clear as far as appears. ——
2nd A Degree of Love & Unity is Maintained Tale Bearing, Backbiting &c. not enough discouraged by all it appears there is a remnant in all our Meetings which are concerned to preserve unity several instances of Differences wherein some care is taken.—

12th Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust in Meekneſs and Wisdom without partiality and Judgement has been generally placed where it hath appeared neceſsary agreeable to Discipline. ——

This meeting is informed that the representatives attended the yearly Meetings agreable to appointment. — The Committee appointed to visit Bolton Monthly Meeting have presented the following report.—

Dear Friends

We have attended to our appointment in visiting Bolton Monthly Meeting and are unanimously of opinion that the best prospect for usefulneſs is to establish that Monthly Meeting and if way opens with clearneſs we think well of appointing a Committee to visit their monthly meeting from time to time one year more

And as Providence, Smithfield, and Uxbridge Monthly Meetings were designedly arranged to accomodate Friends who may travel on religious viſits we think the arrangement may extendusefully to Bolton also by fixing that Monthly Meeting on the 2nd day of the week next succeeding the last 5th day in each month; And this we submissively commit to the Quarterly Meeting as our sense and Report, which report is accepted and the Monthly Meeting of Bolton is established accordingly. the appointing of a Committee to visit that Monthly Meeting is referd to our Quarterly Meeting in the 10th Mo. —

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs that they have approved of the public appearance in the Ministry of Lydia Wickes which having been weightily considered hath met the approbation of this Meeting Providence Monthly Meeting Likewise Informs that they have appointed Phebe Brown to the station of an Elder which hath likewise met the approbation of this meeting in both which the mens meeting unites of which Hepzibah Harris is desired to inform the select Meeting and report to the next Quarterly Meeting. — Read in this Meeting to good satisfaction some extracts from the minuets of our last yearly Meeting with transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia and New York Transcripts of which is sent down to the several Monthly Meetings, and the Monthly Meetings are directed to appoint one more friend to read them to such of their members as are through the infirmities of Old age or other bodily Indisposition deprived of the privilege of attending Meetings & the Clerk is directed to furnish Richmond Monthly Meeting with a Copy of this Minuet

This Meeting Concludes and adjourns to meet at Smithfield in the 10th Mo if permitted

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting
by Abigal Green Clerk —

## Summary. —

1st Our Meetings have all been kept up Except two since our last account which were not attended by reason of Stormy weather Meetings on first days attended by the greater part of our Members some deficiency in attending mid week meetings, the Hour mostly observed generally clear of sleeping though not without some exceptions wherein some care is taken other unbecoming Behaviour Clear as far as appears. — 2nd A Degree of Love and Unity is Maintained Tale Bearing Back-biting &c not enough discouraged by all it appears there is a Remnant in all our Meetings which are concerned to preserve Unity several instances of Differences wherein some care is taken — 12th Care is taken to Deal with offenders we trust in Meekness and wisdom without partiality and judgement hath been generally placed where it appd necessary agreeable to discipline

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield for Rhode Island the 9th of the 10th Mo. 1800. —

Representatives appointed from the several Monthly Meetings to attend this are

Rhode Island - Ruth Siſson, Susanna Barker & Susanª Alm
Greenwich - Ruth Langford. Deborah Greene & Lydia Wicke
Smithfield - Elizabeth Arnold, Elizabeth Sprague & Anne Thom
Swanzey - Elizabeth Chase & Charity Buffenton
South Kingston - Sarah Hazard & Mary Collins
Uxbridge - Ruth Aldrich & Phebe Mackintire
Providence - Elizabeth Arnold, Mary Arnold & Dorcas Brow
Richmond - Suſanna Harkneſs & Rhoda Barrat
Bolton - Sarah Holden & Mary Southwick

Representatives called all present
The aſsistant Clerk being absent Alice Peckham is appointed aſsiſtant Clerk for this time. — Accounts and answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings Composing this Quarter have been received and read with a Summary Collected therefrom which being appro ved is as follows. —

All our meetings for worshi

& Discipline have been kept up & generally attended to by the greater part of our members on first Days a deficiency in attending week day Meeting still continues, the hour mostly observed some complaint of drowsineſs in meetings clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met. —

2nd Love and Unity meaſurably maintained, tho we fear not so fully by all as queried after tale bearing backbiting and spreading evil reports discouraged by most Friends. — Clear of differences except in two Instances which is under notice

12th Care has been taken to deal with offenders We trust that in spirit as recommended in the query We hope Without Partiality or unnecessary delay and it appears that Judgement hath been placed in some Instances agreeable to discipline. —

The subject of appointing a Committee to visit Bolton Monthly Meeting has been considered of in this Meeting and it is the united conclusion of both mens & Womens Meeting meeting that it is not necſsary at this time. —

Hepzibah Harris informs that agreeable to appointment she has informed the select Meeting of the approbation of the public appearance in the ministry of Lydia Wickes and the appointment of Phebe Brown to the station of an Elder. — Rachel Baſset has now given a Satisfactory reason for her not attending as a representative at the last Quarterly Meetg

A part of the yearly Meetings Committee has been with us at this time whose Company and Service have been truly acceptable

This Meeting concludes and adjourns to meet again at Swanzey in the 1st Month if permitted

Signed in & on behalf of the
Meeting
By Abigal Greene Clk

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# Summary

1st All our Meetings for Worship & Discipline have been kept up and generally attended by the greater part of our Members on first days a deficiency in attending week day Meetgs still continues the hour mostly observed some complaint of drowsineſs in meetings clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met. —

2nd Love and unity measurably maintain'd tho we fear not so fully by all as queried after tale bearing & back biting and spreading of evil reports discouraged by most friends; clear of differences except two instances which is under notice. — Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in that spirit as reccommended in the Query we hope without partiality or unneceſsary delay and it appears that judgement has been placed in some instances ageeable to Discipline

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Swanzey for Rhode Island the 8th of the 1st mo. 1801

The Representatives appointed from the several monthly meetings to attend this are —
for Rhode Island, Elizabeth Thurston & Ruth Sherman Junr.
" Greenwich, Deborah Green & Lydia Wickes. —
" Smithfield, Lydia Smith, Elizabeth Smith & Sarah Smith
" Swanzey, Mary Earl & Sarah Chase
" South Kingston, Sarah Hoxsie, Alice Peckham & Dorcas Weaver
" Uxbridge, Hannah Chase, Lydia Smith & Rachel Basset
" Providence, Phebe Brown, Mary Lapham, & Abigal Arnold
" Richmond, Susanna Harkness & Rachael Mowry
" Bolton, Sarah Holder & Lydia Gates. —

Representatives called all present except Elizabeth Thurston, Susanna Harkness, Rachel Mowry & Lydia Gates. —
Elizabeth Thurston sent a satisfactory reason for not attending
Accounts & answers to the Queries from all the monthly Meetgs composing this Quarter have been recd. & read with summary collected therefrom which being approved is as follows. —

1st. By accounts received there appears to be a general Engagement for the due attendance of Meetings altho' an evident Slackness appears in regard to midweek meetings on which acct. some labour has been bestowed. mostly clear of sleeping yet some complaint of Drowsiness from which some care has been taken no complaint of other unbecoming bahaviour ~~except~~ except in one Instance of too frequent going out of meeting for Discipline. —

2nd. Love & Unity is in a good degree maintaind amongst us not so fully by all as becomes our profession — Tale bearing &c. Mostly discouraged generally clear as to differences altho' a shortness of Care expressd in one Instance : —

12th We find a care rests on the minds of Friends regularly to deal with offenders – Altho' it appears more ealy ~~labour~~ Labour amongst us might be useful at times – A Care likewise remains that Judgement should be placed when & where it has appeared necesary agreeable to Discipline. —

This Meeting is informed by the mens that they have united with Swanzey Monthly Meeting in approving of the appearance in the Ministry of Benjamin Buffington with which this Meeting also unites. —

This Meeting Concludes and adjourns to meet again at East-Greenwich in the 4th Mo. if permitted

Signed in & on behalf of this Meetg
by Abigal Green. Clk

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich for R.I. the 9th of the 4th Mo. 180

Representatives appointed from the several Monthly Meeting to attend this are. —

for Rhode Island, Susanna Almey & Lydia Dennis
Greenwich, Deborah Green & Lydia Wickes
Smithfield, Mary Wing Lavina Southwick & Deborah Mowr
Swanzey, Eunice Brayton. —
South-Kingston, Mary Peckham & Lucy Knowles
Uxbridge, Eunice Potter, Avis Shove & Lydia Smith
Providence, Mary Anthony, Phebe Brown & Rachel Arnol
Richmond, Ruth Baſset & Martha Jilson —
Bolton, Anne Wheeler, & Lydia Gates. —

Representatives Called all present except Lucy Knowles & Ruth Baſset who sent satisfactory reasons for not attending also Susanna Harkneſs, Rachel Mowry & Lydia Gates now give satisfactory reasons for not attending at last Quarter. —

Accounts & answers from all the Monthly Meetings Composing this Quarter have been recd & read with a summary collected therefrom which being approved is as follows. ——

Handed in from the Mens Meetg a Certificate on behalf of our beloved Frd Elisha Thornton from the Monthly Meetg of Smithfield and a Concurring Indorsement from the Quarterly Meeting of Men held at E. Greenwich the 9th & 10 of the 4th Mo. 1801. — both expressive of their Unity and Sympathy with him in his concern to pay a religious visit to the Yearly Meetgs of Philada & New York and some of the adjacent Meetings which after being solidly Weighed had the concurrence and near feeling Unity of this Meetg and was sign'd by the Clerk — Likewise a Certificate on behalf of our Esteemed Friend Danl Aldrich from the Monthly Meeting of Uxbridge and a Concurring Indorsemt from the Mens Quarterly Meetg both signifying their Sympathy and Unity with him in his concern to make a religious visit to friends within the Limits of New York Yearly Meetg, and after being weightily Considered was in this Meetg nearly united with & signed by the Clerk

Our Esteemed Friend Joseph Hoage attended this Meetg With a Certificate from the Monthly Meetg of Danby in the state of Vermont in the 11th Mo. 1800 expressive of their Unity & concurrence with him in his concern to make a religious visit to Friends of New England, Nova Scotia & St Johns with a concurring Indorsement from the Quarterly Meetg held at East-Town the 12th of the 11th Mo. 1800 he being a Minister in good Esteem :—

Ruth Sherman, Alice Peckham, & Abigal Arnold are appointed to Collect general answers & prepare an account for the yearly Meetg & bring to the adjournment of this Meetg —

This Meet.g Concludes & adjourns to meet again at the 9th hour tomorrow Morn'g

10th} Met agreeable to adjournment representatives called all present that were yesterday except Deborah Green who hath rendered a satisfactory reason for her absence.—

Rhode Island Monthly Meet.g Informs that they have approved of the publick appearance in the ministry of Ruth Sherman Jr. which is approved by this Meet.g also having the unity of the mens Meet.g therein.—Sarah Fowler is appointed to inform the select meet.g thereof & report to our next Quarterly Meet.g. — The Friends appointed have prepared general answers and present with an accounts to the yearly Meet.g which being read & approved is sign'd by the Cler & to be forwarded by our representatives who are Sarah Holder Mary Anthony, Lydia Wickes, Susanna Almy & Sarah Wilbour appointed to attend the yearly Meet.g. — —

Sarah Hoxie, Abigal Lawton, Lydia Smith, Ruth Sherman, Deborah Green, & Lydia Wickes who were appointed the year past a Commitee to visit the Monthly Meet.gs belonging to this Quarter Inform that they have made but little progress therein this Meet.g thinks best to continue them under the appointment they are accordingly Continued in s.d service & report to our next Quarterly Meet.g. — —

The year being expired for which Abigal Green was appointed to write for this Meet.g She is again appointed Clerk for the ensuing year Ruth Sherman who served as aſsistant Clerk the year past being desirous of being released Alice Peckham is appointed for the ensuing year. ——

This Concludes under a sence of Divine regar which Hath been measurably felt at this time and adjourns to meet again at Portsmouth in the 8th Month if permitted

Sign'd on behalf of the Meeting
by Abigail Green Clerk

Summary —

Our Meetgs for worship & Discipline have been kept up altho an apparrent slackneſs prevails in regard to this important Duty the Hour mostly observed; few if any give up to sleeping in meetgs altho drowsineſs appears at times, care taken on the account; clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met. — Love & unity appears to be meaſurably maintained as queried tho not without some exceptions Tale bearing, back biting & spreading of evil reports appears to be generally discouraged — Mostly clear of differences. — There appears to be a concern to bring up those under their direction agreeable to this Query while others appear too deficient in this important duty the scriptures appear to be read in most Friends Families in the manner Queried. ~~after~~. —

Clear as to Spirituous Liquours not altogether clear of attending places of Public resort the other part mostly observed. —

The Circumstances of the Poor and those who need Assistance are inspected & their necessities measurably relieved. — the other part of this Query Clear. —

Not clear as to keeping Company out of Society on which account care is taken, Clear as far as appears. —

We know of no breach in the several parts of this Query except in Wills. —

Friends bear a Testimony against Slavery. Clear as far as appears. —

Mostly Clear as to records some instances of removals without certificates in which some care is taken. —

There is some shortness appears in dealing with offenders not altogether clear as to placing Judgement. —

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At a Quarterly Meetg of Women Friends held at Portsmouth in and for Rhode Island the 13th of the 8th mo 1801

The Clerk being absent Lydia Hickes is appointed for this Time. Representatives appointed from the several Monthly meetgs to attend this are

For Rhode Island, Elizabeth Thurston, Elizath Chace & Ruth Sisson

Greenwich, Freelove Harris & Ann Smith

Smithfeild – Lavina Cothwick – Patience Arnold & Hannah Callum —

Swanzey – Hannah Earl – Patience Buffinton and Abigail Lawton —

South Kingston – Lucianna Knowles, Alice Peckham

Uxbridge – Eunice Potter – Avis Shove – and Hannah Chase

Providence, Hepzibah Harriss – Phebe Brown & Mary Anthony

Richmond, Rachel Mowry & Susanna Harkness

Bolton – Lydia Gates & Tamzen Southwick

Representatives present except Hannah Earl – Rachel Mowry and Susannah Harkness

Hannah Earl informs indisposition of body prevents her attending the other two mentioned friends have not sent any reason why they are not hear. —

We have rec.d accounts and answers to the Queries from the monthly Meet~~gs~~ that constitute this from which a summary has been compiled and read, some pertinent remarks made thereon and after being solidly weighed with a little alteration approved and is as followeth —

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Coggeshall attended this Meeting and return'd her certificate that she had from our Quarterly meet.g in the 2nd mo. 1791 with a satis-factory acc.t of her visit & preservation under singular

Friends - and presents one from the yearly Meeting of
Ministers & Elders for the nation of Ireland held in Dub-
lin from the 26th of the 4th Mo. to the 4th of the 5 Mo. 18
& one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in
London by adjournment 13th of the [illegible] Month both expres-
sing their [illegible] and near unity with her re-
ligious labours amongst them in the Service of attending
the Meetings of Friends. —

This meeting is informed the
Friends appointed at our last Quarter to attend the
yearly Meeting attended the several sittings there-
of & the several Extracts & Transcripts of Epistles
from London, Pensylvania & New York which have
been read containing many pertinent remarks
& much salutary advice which was consolating &
encouraging to many present, may the profit
& the impressions made thereby be not easily erased
from our minds. The Representatives are directed
to forward the extracts & transcripts to the monthly
Meetings to which they belong. a part of the
Committee appointed to visit the monthly Meetings
report way hath not opned for them to proceed
therein which claimed the attention of this Meeting
and after being solidly considered is the united
Judgement of Friends that the Committee be discon-
tinued.

Sarah Fowler reports she informed the
select Quarterly Meeting that the public appearances
in the Ministry of Ruth Sherman Jr had been approved

Handed in from the Mens Meeting & read in this an extract from our last Yearly Meet.g which is as follows. —

The Committee appointed last year made the following report. —

To the yearly Meeting to be held in the 6 Mo next. —

We the Committee appointed last yearly Meeting to consider of the division of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting have attended thereto and most of us visited most of the Monthly Meetings in s.d Quarterly Meeting together with s.d Quarterly Meet.g in a solid manner owing weighty to consider thereof it is our opinion & judgment that advantage may arise from the following division. Viz that the monthly Meetings of Smithfield Uxbridge Leicester & Richmond be set off from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and that they constitute one by the name of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting and that it be held as follows. at Smithfield the 5th day before the last 6th day in the [illegible] Month and that when s.d meetings are held at Smithfield there be no Monthly Meet.g held there on that account and that Rhode Island Qu.ly Meeting heretofore held at Smithfield in the 10 Month be held at Providence at the same time it was held at Smithfield and the other times of holding s.d Rhode Island Quarterly meeting at the same times and places as heretofore. Smithfield the 16th of the 1 mo. [illegible]. —

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which is accepted and the Division therein proposed is adopted - and it is concluded that the two Quarterly meetings of Rhode Island and Smithfield be held at the times and places therein proposed and if it appears to them that any alteration either in time or place for holding them would be more agreable they are requested to inform the Yearly Meeting thereof next year.

William Rotch Jr. Clerk to
the [illegible] the Meeting this
year

This Meeting concludes under a renewed sence of the extendings of Divine Favour and adjourns to meet at Providence in the 10 Month if permitted. Sign'd in and by Direction of the Meeting by Lydia Wicker Clerk for this time

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence for Rhode Island the 5th of [illegible] 180[illegible]

Representatives appointed from the several Monthly Meetings are

From Rhode Island Susanna Barker, Sarah Fowler & Elizabeth Huntington. Greenwich, Ruth [illegible] & Hannah Arnold. Swanzey. Eunice Brayton & Sarah Earl. South Kingston. Sarah [illegible] & Sarah Hazard. Providence. Elizabeth Arnold, Abigail Congdon & Remember Anthony all present. —

We have received accounts & answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings composing this and a Summary being extracted therefrom being read and approved is as followeth. — Our Friend Stephen Grellet attended this Meeting with a Certificate from the monthly Meeting of New-York held the 1st of the 4th Mo. 1801. expressive of their unity & concurrence with him in his concern to pay a religious visit to Friends within the Compass of Rhode Island yearly Meetg in Company with our esteemed Fd. John Hale with an Endorsement from the Quarterly Meetg held in New York the 23d of the 4th Mo. 1801. Expressive of their concurrence likewise with his concern whose Company has been acceptable to us. Rhode Island monthly Meetg informs they with the concurrence of the [illegible] womens Meetg have appointed Susanna [illegible] to the station of an Elder which after being solidly considered was feelingly united with. Likewise Swanzey Monthly Meetg informs that they have appointed Eunice Brayton to the station of an Elder having the concurrence of the mens Meeting which has also been feelingly united with in this Meeting having the concurrence of the mens Meetg therein Frederic Hazard is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meetg of sd appointments & report to our next Quarter. — The mens Meetg inform that Rhode Island monthly Meeting have appointed Benjamin Freeborn to the station of an Elder which they approved, we concurring with. —

This Meetg concludes under a sence of

divine regard and adjourns to meet at Swanzey in the first Month if permitted

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
by Abigal Green Clk

## Summary

It appears by the answers that Meetings for Worship and discipline are kept up and duly attended by a number yet the want of a lively engagement is too manifest in some by dullness and giving way to sleeping generally clear of other unbecoming behaviour.

Love & unity is in a good degree maintained & an engagement preserved to discourage tale-bearing & the spreading of evil reports yet all are not so carefol on these accounts as would be best mostly clear of differences.

There appears a care to rest with Friends to deal rightly and timely with offenders yet not without some delay generally careful to place judgment without partiality.

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East-Greenwich, for Rhode Island the 8th of 4th Month 1802. —

Representatives appointed from the several Monthly Meetings to attend this are

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| for Rhode Island | Lydia Dennis, Elizabeth Almy and Sarah Earl. |
| Greenwich | Susanna Bateman & Mary Spencer |
| Swanzey | Hannah Earl & Mary Earl |
| South Kingston | Mary Peckham & Sarah Hazard |
| Providence | Phebe Brown, Sarah Pearce & Alice Almy |

Representatives called all present except Phebe Brown who was prevented by indisposition of Body ---- We have received accounts and answers to the Queries, from all the Monthly Meetgs composing this Quarter with a Summary Collected therefrom which being read and approved and is as follows

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Our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have mostly been attended by the greater part of our members yet a deficiency is apparent in some two meetings not attended on account of the severity of the weather the hour mostly observed, not altogether clear of drowsineſs. We think clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met. —

Love and Unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us though not ſo fully by all as becomes the followers of Christ. Tale bearing back biting &c not enough discouraged, a care subsists with regard to differences some friends are careful to bring up those under their direction agreeable to the Query while others are too remiss in these respects the reading of pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the World not enough guarded against; the Scriptures are read in most Friends Families in the manner queried after, Friends are generally carefull in the other part of this query. —

The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved measurably, but We fear not in so extensive a manner as is consistent with our profession. No Children placed from amongst us that we know of. — — — Some Instances of Company keeping out of Society, One Instance of a disorderly Marriage wherein care is taken. —

Friends are careful in the particulars mentioned in this Query — and in respect to wills we think clear as in the other parts of this Query. —

Friends are generally careful to maintain our testimony against slavery and endeavour to encourage in Virtue those few under care —

We know of no breach of this Query, Marriages all recorded, births mostly, the other part too much neglected, some removals without certificates which are under notice. — —

Care is taken to deal with offenders we believe in meekness without partiality, Judgement placed where it appears neceſsary according to Discipline. —

Likewise an account with general answers to the yearly meeting have been prepared which having been read and approved is signed by the Clerk and is to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives who are Ruth Shearman Deborah Green Sarah Fowler, Eunice Brayton and Abigal Lawton —

Swanzey Monthly Meeting inform that they have approved of the public appearance in the Ministry of Abigail Lawton which having been solidly considered of in this meeting is refered to our next Quarter. —

The Mens Meeting inform that they have approved of the appointment of Daniel Brayton of Swanzey to the Station of an Elder which is likewise approved of in this meeting. —

The year being expired for which the present Clerks were appointed Sarah Earle is appointed Clerk and Anne Knowles assistant Clerk for the year ensuing. —

We have been favoured at this time with the company of our beloved Friends Martha Routh & Lydia Rotch whose Labours in the Ministry and discipline have been truly acceptable to us. —

This meeting concludes under a renewed sense of divine regard and adjourns to meet again at Portsmouth on Rhode Island in the 8th Mo if permitted.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
by Abigail Green Clk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held on Rhode Island 8th Mo 13. 1802. —

Representatives appointed from the several Monthly Meetings to attend this are — for Rhode Island Anna Weeden, Mary Williams and Susanna Barker — for Greenwich Anna Green and

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"It appears by the answers brought up from the several Monthly Meetings that our Meetgs have all been kept up and mostly attended by the greater part of our members, a remissness appears in the attendance of Midweek meetings in most of the answers. the Hour generally observed, mostly clear as to sleeping, clear of other unbecoming behaviour when assembled. — — Love and Unity in a good degree subsists amongst us, tho' not as fully as queried after — Talebearing and the like measurably discouraged, but not so fully as truth requires — no differences appear in the answers. — It appears there is a care resting with Friends to deal with offenders without partiality, but We believe not without some delay, generally careful to place Judgement when necessary agreeably to discipline". — —

The men friends inform that South Kingston Monthly Meeting have appointed John Wilbour to the station of an Elder which they having considered and approved and after a solid deliberation thereon in this meeting it is concurred with. —

The recommendation of Abigail Lawton as a minister has again attracted our serious attention and after being solidly considered with the unity and concurrence of the Men Friends she is approved. — Freelove Harris is directed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting and report to our next Quarter.

We are informed that the Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting all attended except Eunice Brayton who was prevented by indisposition. — — They presented the Extracts from the Yearly Meeting Minutes and transcripts of Epistles from London Philadelphia & New York which have been read in this Meeting to our Satisfaction. — We have extracted the following from the Yearly Meeting Minutes respecting the institution of a Yearly Meeting Boarding School vizt

"We have had an acceptable visit from several exercised breth-
"ren who have weightily laid before us the interesting subject
"of a guarded Religious education for our youth, and the es-
"-tablishment of a Yearly Meeting Boarding School appearing
"the most eligible mode of obtaining it has gained our serious
"attention; and believing the likeliest way for us to be use-
"-ful is by appointing a Committee composed of members
"from each quarter to unite with our Men Friends therein, Sa-
"-rah Robinson, Ruth Sherman Junr Sarah Wilbour and Sarah
"Hoxie & Dorcas Brown for Rhode-Island are chosen to attend to the
"business and if the Quarterly Meeting under a lively sense, for
"promoting the object in view should think best to make an
"addition, they are at liberty to do it. — However important
"it appears that this establishment should be obtained we feel
"solicitous that Friends in their respective Meetings may not
"abate their care towards those of less magnitude, but endeavour
"to promote the desirable end of Education thro every proper channel."

Phebe Brown, Lydia Wickes and Eunice Brayton are appointed by this Meeting to join the above Committee for said Institution. —— We have been favoured at this time with the Company of our beloved Friends Hannah Fisher & Mary Morton from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting whose Labours of Love have been acceptable. ——

This meeting concludes and it adjourns to meet again at Providence in the 10th Mo. next. — — —

Signed on behalf of the Quarterly Meeting
by Sarah Earl Clerk

## At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Providence for Rhode Island 10 Mo 7 1802. —

Representatives appointed from the several Monthly Meetings are for Rhode Island Ruth Sisson, Susannah Almy and Anna Weeden — for South Kingston Mary Peckham and Lucy Anna Knowles — for Greenwich Anna Smith Sybal Reynolds & Sarah Thomas. — for Swanzey Mary Earl & Sarah Earl — for Providence Mary Arnold, Abigail Amee and Elizabeth Congdon all present

We have received accounts with answers to the three queries usually answered from all the Monthly Meetings thereto belonging with a Summary collected therefrom which has been read, approved & is as follows Viz

1st Our Meetings for Worship & Discipline appear to have been kept up except in one Instance on a rainy day some Meetings attended only by a small number & an apparent slackness in the attendance of Mid Week Meetings the hour generally observed, some complaint of Sleeping in

others

other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear There appears to be a good degree of Love and Unity maintained in each Meeting and Friends are generally careful to discourage tale bearing and the like yet more care on that account might be useful, mostly clear of differences, where they have arisen care hath been extended.—— There appears a care in each Meeting for the regular dealing with offenders as enjoined by the Query yet we believe more early labour might be useful, — Judgement placed according to discipline"

This meeting is informed that South Kingston Monthly Meeting have appointed Mercy Peckham to the station of an Elder and after considering it in this Meeting with the concurrence of the Men Friends she is accordingly approved.— — Sarah Hoxie is directed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting and report to our Next Quarter.——

The Men Friends inform that South Kingston Monthly Meeting have appointed Andrew Nicolls to the station of an Elder, which they having approved in their Meeting and after being considered in this, is concurr'd with.—

This Meeting concludes and if permitted We are to meet again at Swanzey in the first Month.—

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
by Sarah Earl Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 1 Mo. 13 1803.——

The Representatives from the Several Monthly Meetgs which are, for Rhode Island Eunice Freeborn and Susanna Barker, for Somerset Mary Earl & Sarah Earl for South Kingston Lucy Anna Knowles and Sarah Wilbour

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n Providence Phebe Brown and Dorcas Brown all present except Sarah Wilbur who we are informed was prevented by sickness in the Family. —— No accounts from Greenwich Monthly Meeting. We are informed the women Friends were prevented attending their Mo. Mo. Meeting by the severity of a snow storm, — Sarah Hoxie reports she attended to her appointment and gave information to the select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Mercy Peckham to the station of an Elder. ——

(We have recd. accounts from all except the one abovementioned) Monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries at large with a summary comporting therewith which hath been read and is as follows Viz. —

## Summary

"Our Meetings have been kept up, except in two instances there appears a slackness in some, the hour mostly observed by those who do attend Friends, generally clear of Sleeping except in some few instances to which care has been extended clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met. — Love & Unity in a good degree subsists amongst us, detraction generally discouraged, no differences have come to the Meetings knowledge. —— A care has been taken to deal with offenders as queried after and to place Judgement when necessary according to Discipline." — —

This Meeting concludes under a lively sense of the overshadowing of best Love, and if permitted We are to meet again at Greenwich in the 4th Month next

Signed in and on behalf of the Quarterly Meeting by Sarah Earl Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at East Greenwich, for Rhode Island the 7th of 4 mo 1803. — — —

The Representatives appointed from the several Monthly Meetings to attend this are for Rhode Island Sarah Fowler, Susanna Buker & Lydia Dennis — for Greenwich Ruth Langford, Sybel Reynolds & Lydia Wickes, for South Kingston Mercy Peckham and Anna Miller for Swanzey Eunice Brayton & Abigail Lawton, for ~~Providence~~ Providence Phebe Brown, Hepzibah Harriss and Abigail Arnold all present. — We have recd accounts with answers to the three Queries usually answered from all the Monthly Meetings hereto belonging, from which general Answers with a summary have been collected and read in this Meeting the summary is as follows Viz

## Summary

Meetings for Worship & Discipline appear to have been kept up except in three Instances, two on acct of Stormy weather, the other owing to the small number of members the latter is under Friends care — an apparent deficiency in the attendance of Midweek and afternoon Meetings — the hour generally observed. some complaint of Sleeping to which care appears to have been extended of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear

There appears to be a good degree of Love and Unity maintained in each Meeting and Friends are generally careful to discourage tale bearing & ~~the~~ spreading of Evil reports yet more care on that account may it be useful, mostly clear as to Differences where they have risen care has been extended. — A care rests with some Friends to discharge their duty to those placed under their care though we believe an increase of concern and vigilence with these in a charge so important "would tend to benefit — The Holy Scriptures are read in most Friends families. — Clear of the frequent use of Spirituous Liquors, some deviations on account of the attendance of places of Publick resort to which some care hath been extended. — A care respecting the Poor of Society is maintained amongst Friends some instances of keeping Company and Marrying out of Society, mostly careful to discourage disorderly Marriages not altogether clear respecting wills. — Clear in regard to Slavery, it appears Friends generally endeavour to maintain our testimony in the due performance of our promises &c. — Records neglected also certificates wherein some care has been taken a care is manifest towards the regular dealing with offenders as married after and that Judgement may be placed according to Discipline." — — —

An Account has been prepared and signed to the Yearly Meeting with general Answers which We have transmitted by our Representatives Sarah Fowler, Susannah Barker Abigail Arnold, Mary Williams and Abigail Greene whom We appoint to attend said Meeting. — The Men Friends inform that they have approved of the Publick appearances in the Ministry of Rowland Greene from Greenwich Monthly Meeting which after having been read and solidly weighed it is feelingly concurred with in this Meeting.

The Clerk and assistant informed the time had expired for which they were appointed to serve this Meeting, and they request a release — but as their reappointment was proposed Sarah Earl submits her name and is appointed for the year ensuing* — This Meeting concludes and if permitted We are to meet again at Rhode Island in the 8th Mo next. — —

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting by Sarah Earl Clerk

* Anna Kinnicutt (according to her request released) and Abigail Arnold appointed assistant Clerk for the year ensuing -

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